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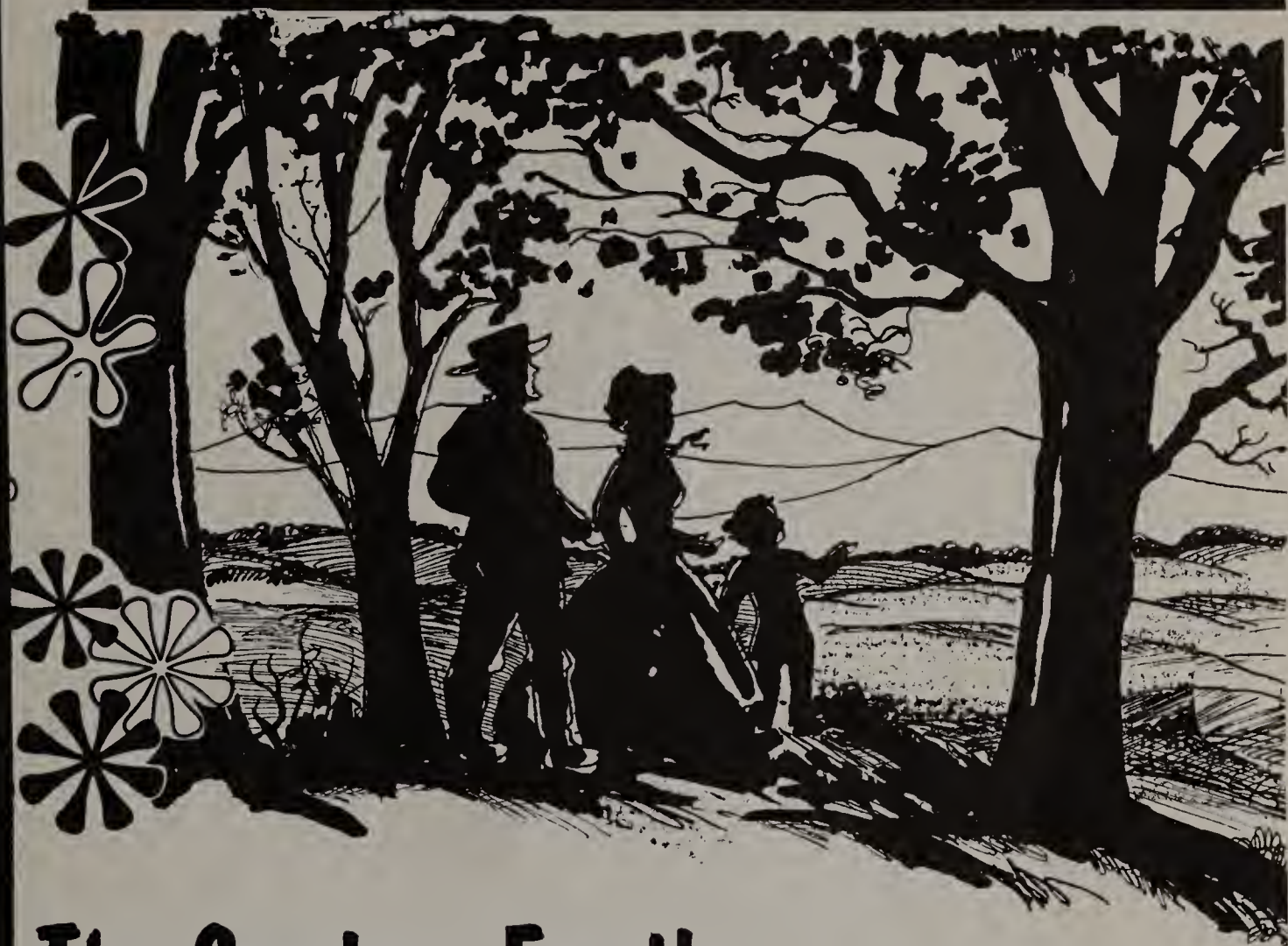


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**The Smelser Family
In America**

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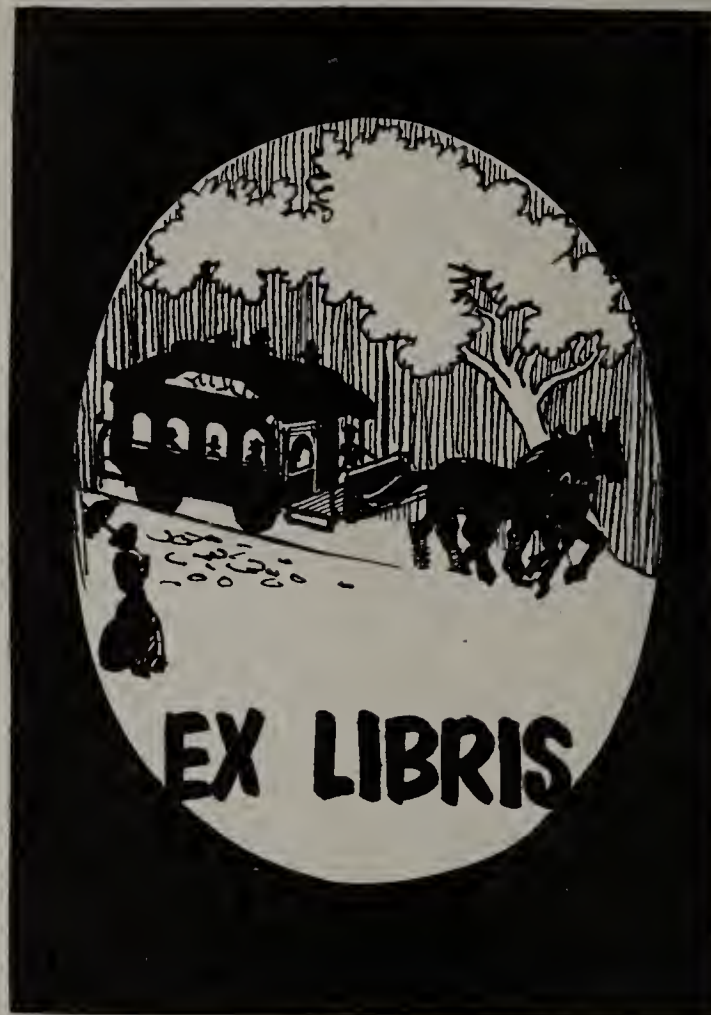


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Pisces

Born Feb. 19th thru March 20th

Amethysts and pearls for gems.



"MAN IS BUT THE SUM OF HIS ANCESTORS."

- Emerson



Aries

Born March 21st thru April 19th



Diamonds and bloodstones are the lucky gems.

Aquarius

Born Jan. 20th thru Feb. 18th



Garnet and sapphire are harmonious gems.

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Dayton, Ohio

Taurus

Born April 20th thru May 20th



Lapis lazuli and emeralds favored gems.

Capricorn

Born Dec. 22nd thru Jan. 19th

Turquoise is the favored stone.



Gemini

Born May 21st thru June 21st

Agate and tourmalines are the harmonious gems.



Sagittarius

Born Nov. 23rd thru Dec. 21st



Topaz is the lucky stone.

Cancer

Born June 22nd thru July 22nd
Shrysoprase is the lucky stone.



Scorpio

Born Oct. 24th thru Nov. 22nd

Topaz and aquamarine are the favored stones.



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Leo

Born July 23rd thru Aug. 23rd



Onyx and rubies are favored stones.

Libra

Born Sept. 24th thru Oct. 23rd



Peridots and opals are lucky stones.

"THOSE WHO DO NOT LOOK UPON THEMSELVES AS A LINK CONNECTING THE PAST WITH THE FUTURE, DO NOT PERFORM THEIR DUTY TO THE WORLD."

- Daniel Webster

Virgo

Born Aug. 24th thru Sept. 23rd



Carnelian is the lucky stone.



Foreword



Our horizons are tinted pennants fluttering up from yesterdays. And the past lies clustered on the fringe of memory, like purple ASTERS AT DUSK.

Two centuries before the Imagist poet Amy Lowell anguished up and down her New England garden paths and proclaimed of herself,

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"I too am a rare
Pattern,"¹

the Smelser family is known to have tilled American soil and cut furrows into to-morrows.

The Smelsers were involved in the early eighteenth century Palatine emigration, in an effort to escape the tortures of King Louis XIV and side-step economic depression from the starved land of too many wars and excruciatingly cold winters, and perhaps, for some, to seek religious tolerance.

This family's migration across the United States has been a horizontal spill of milk over a land of honey. In the 1700's, most of the members were in Maryland and Pennsylvania; in the 1800's, in Kentucky, Ohio, Missouri, and Kansas, but primarily in Indiana; and they continued on to the Pacific coast so that the 1900's find the largest number in California.

By vocation, the family is multifarious. However, large numbers have been educators and a very high percentage has served in public office, particularly on a state level.

There appears to be a relatively high proportion of multiple births in the family --their production of twins is almost a subtle acknowledgment of desire for self-perpetuation. It is my considered opinion that the Smelsers are an atypical fam-

¹Written in 1915 by the protagonist of the new verse. Miss Lowell was born in Brookline, Mass., in 1874.

ily in their consistency for above-average intelligence and accomplishments. They manifest a hearty appetite for adventure and a custom for a thick spread of butter on their bread of prosperity.

The choice of John, Jacob, Peter, Abraham, Adam, Elizabeth, and Mary for given names, while confirming a family popularity, also inclined towards a bewildering confusion in identification.

It is impossible to truly resurrect personalities whose identity is almost exclusively limited to the census record (if the genealogist is so fortunate as to find even that). The responses to my questionnaires and inquiries were excellent; in only two cases did individuals seem to have the sensitivity of a mangelwurzel. My use of outline form in the text is for the reader's facility; the zodiac chart is for decorative purposes.

Due to human frailties (particularly my own), some of this material may be challenged; in any case, misrepresentation is unintentional. Printed references were often erroneous to some degree; in several instances there were conflicts in data as presented by members of a family; and many public records were unavailable because of physical inaccessibility or destruction by fire. There would be a great advantage in extending the length of time in research for this book -- a personal trip to Maryland and a lengthy probing among the archives there, as well as visits to Carroll, Frederick and Washington Counties in Maryland and various counties in Pennsylvania, would have resulted in additional helpful data. I seriously weighed the necessity of waiting another year before publishing. However, the two-and-one-half years spent in collecting and writing seemed to have netted enough material for the 1961 release to members of the family. I hope I have chosen wisely.

Silhouettes in American history are the tapeline of our progress and inner reflections...though they cast a few citric shadows in a mute appeal to challenge, "Clemency alone makes us equal to the gods." (Greek) As "No man can climb out beyond the limitations of his own character,"² so is a nation's incubation continuous with its families' inventions. Proudly, the Smelser (and allied families) 200-year American history has paralleled astuteness, competence, and sparkling tones of loveliness in a pattern of colorful and hardy ASTERS AT DUSK.

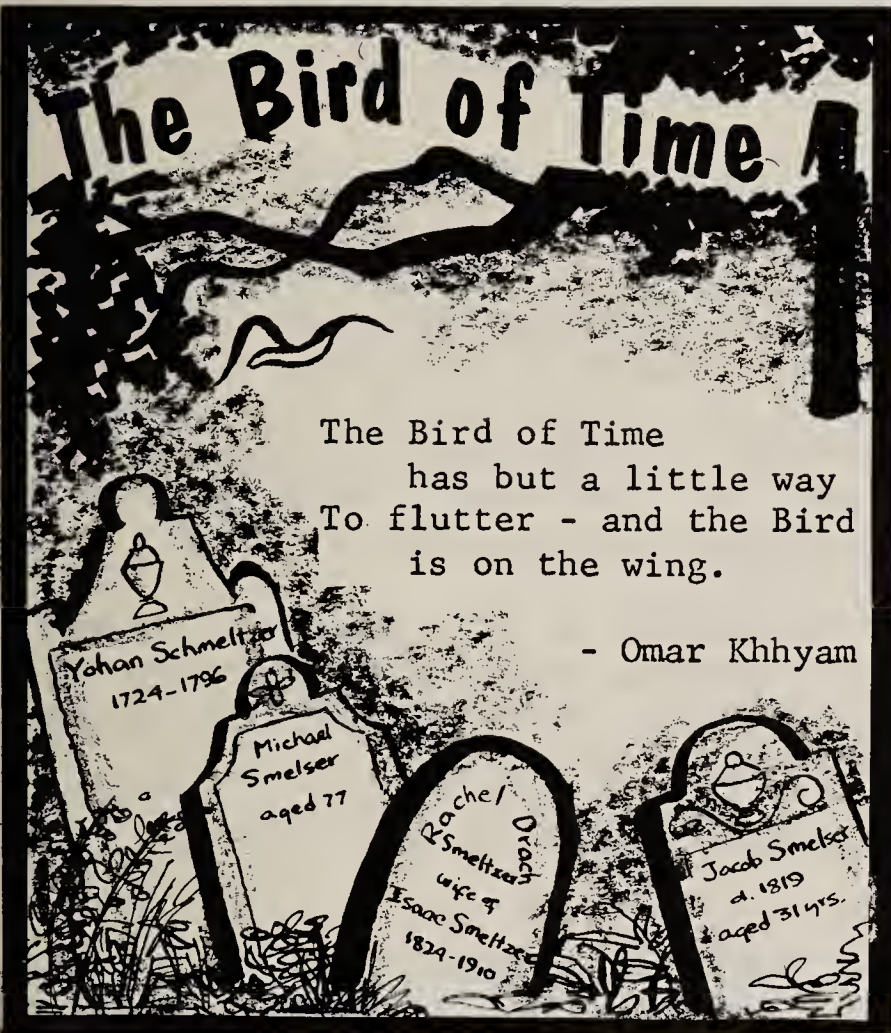
- Polly Pollock

²J. Morley

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PART ★ ONE



The Bird of Time
has but a little way
To flutter - and the Bird
is on the wing.

- Omar Khhyam

SCHMELTZER-SCHMELLSER-SMELTZER-SMELSER

THE BIRD OF TIME wings on the blur of infinity, and its varicose flight is a murmur that lifts to a shrill as it passes on into the vapor. This trace with its width of a narrow ribbon is but a token gesture to man's mortality and the elusiveness of his memory, for the Bird of Time does not halt in its passage through eternity.

Like up-ended bird feathers embedded in the earth, there are sixteen Smelser tombstones in a row. These shafts repose near the Presbyterian Church at Winter's Cemetery (New Windsor, Frederick County, Maryland) and identify not just the passing of souls but a family in evolution.

Being the emigrating ancestor, YOHAN ADAM SCHMELTZER might claim the ordi-

nal stone in the series, though his was not the earliest recorded family demise in this necropolis. He and VALLTIN SHMELTZER (b. ____; d. 1777 in Washington County, Maryland) arrived in this country from Rotterdam, Holland, on the ship "Royal Union" which landed in Philadelphia 1750. Clement Nicholson was commander of the vessel which listed 500 souls and 350 whole freights. On Wednesday, August 13 (15?), 1750, both men qualified as American citizens at the Court House in Philadelphia before Thomas Lawrence, Esquire, Mayor.

Yohan Adam Schmeltzer located in Pennsylvania and is listed as a taxpayer in that state before and after the Revolutionary War. York County (Pa.) records indicate his taxes as:

- 1779 - Tax 7.10.0. (pound, shilling, pence)
- 1780 - Tax 16.0.0. No acres
- 1781 - Tax 0.8.3.
- 1782 - Tax 1.6.3. and 1 cattle (living in Manheim Township)³

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In 1783 he was resident of Paradise Township, York County.⁴

Johan Adam Smeltzer had been in this country 25 years when the Revolutionary War broke out, and at the time he was living in Frederick County, Md. (Frederick Co. was formed in 1748 and adjoined York Co. Carroll Co. was formed from a portion of Frederick Co. in 1757.) In July of 1776 subject individual joined a German Battalion and was a private standing number 42 in a company of 63 names on the roll of Captain Henry Fister's Company, commanded by Col. Nicholas Hussecker. There were 15 other officers, making a total of 78 men in the company.⁵

The pay of a private was \$6.66 per month and the men provided their own clothing and rifle. A captain's pay was \$20.00.

The German Battalion consisted of four companies; two of these companies were raised in Frederick County, and two in Baltimore County. The Colonel's name appears in three forms: As Col. Nicholas Hussecker, Hassegger, and Haussigger. On 1-4-1777, Col. Nicholas Hussecker was captured and taken prisoner at the Battle of Princeton, New Jersey. At the Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey, 6-28-1779, Smallwood's Brigade, Maryland Line, was in charge -- sweeping the enemy from the field and securing a victory for the Americans. The Maryland line operated with the army in the Jerseys and afterwards formed the fight wing of Washington's army at West Point during the campaign undertaken to recover New York.

About this time, the German Battalion and the Rawlins Rifle regiment raised in Maryland and Virginia, were merged into one regiment, making eight regiments of Maryland troops. After the capture of Col. Nicholas Hausseger, the regiment was sent south where it operated until the close of the war.

John Adam Smelser, Tulpehocken, Pa., was paid at Carlisle in April of 1781, in the amount of 13.10.0.⁷

He was born in 1724, and died 6-27-1796, at New Windsor, Carroll Co., Md.

Much effort was expended towards locating the will of Yohan Adam Schmeltzer. I wrote to about a dozen different counties in Maryland and Pennsylvania, but was informed that no such will could be located under any of the spellings given. The finding of said will is of utmost importance, for without it (or any other authentic document), we cannot absolutely identify the wife of subject and their heirs. The list of graves in the New Windsor (Maryland) cemetery is a highly prized item in the family memorabilia, for two primary reasons: (1) it definitely "locates" the original Smelser immigrants in old Frederick Co., Md. and (2) it is the only known existing record of the family relationships of that early group of pioneers. From it, we are able to construct the possibility that John Adam Smelser's wife was deceased in the year 1786. Cautiously we proceed to the conclusion that Michael Smelser (b. ca 1750) is the son of John Adam. Michael m. Mary ____ (b. 1759; d. 1836) and both are buried at New Windsor. My assumption that John Adam and Michael Smelser are father and son is somewhat validated by the same implication in a brief article about Yohan Adam Schmeltzer, written by David Smelser (b. 1843; d. 1924). His research, while covering identical printed reference I also used, is particularly valuable because he lived in the environs of the early Smelser settlement and was probably the third genera-

tion born in America, and thus was undoubtedly told stories about Smelser life in colonial times. It should be understood that David Smelser did not say he was the grandson of Michael Smelser and great-grandson of John Adam. His biographical sketch about his "great-grandfather" covered the military background of the man. His concluding statements were that there are other Smeltzers (and he listed Valentine and Michael) about whom he desired to do further research.

Because of the grave locations, I have two probable children of John Adam Schmeltzer: Michael, whom I have already explained, and Lucia. Lucia M. Prugh (b. 1749; d. 1816) is buried in this same cemetery, as is Tuffish Prugh (d. 1838) who is likely a grandson of Lucia.

Two men should be given considerable credit for their help in compiling this chapter of the Smelser history: David Paul Smelser II and his nephew, John E. Thompson. Without the kindness of these two individuals, important family information would remain a mystery for an indefinite period of time. I am deeply grateful to them both for their generosity and patience.

Following are listed the Smelser gravestones and inscriptions as copied by John E. Thompson (September, 1960):

WINTER'S CEMETERY, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
New Windsor, Maryland

1. No inscription.
2. Apparently in German, but just three or four separate letters can be seen. Legible date on stone is 1786.
3. Same as No. 2. No date.
4. Same as No. 3.
5. In memory of Lucia M. Prugh Who departed this life July 2, 1816, Aged 67 years 5 mo & 3 days & was married 39 years.
6. In memory of Tuffish Prugh who departed this life the 4th of August 1843 and aged 6 + 2 months old.
7. In memory of Isaac Smelser who departed this life the 16th day of August 1806 & aged 2 years & 11 months.
8. In memory of Jacob Smelser who departed this life the 19th of May 1819 aged 31 years 9 mo's & 27 days.
9. In memory of Michael Smelser who departed this life November the 10th aged 74 years & 4 months.
10. " _____ This apparently is the grave of Yohan Adam
Adam Schm _____ Schmeltzer. It is of soft stone and very
brn 26 _____ difficult to discern the inscription. The
_____ name Adam Schm _____ stands out as does
27th June 1796 27th June 1796.
11. Not legible.
12. In memory of George Smelser who departed this life July 7, 1857 Aged 48 years, 5 mo's & 11 days.
13. Mary Wife of David Smelser Born Nov 1, 1811 Died Apr 29, 1872 Aged 60 years, 5 mos & 28 days.
14. In memory of Mary the wife of Michael Smelser who departed this life July the 25 1836 aged 77 years, 7 months and 11 days.

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15. In memory of Isaac W. Smelser Born May 16th 1821 and died May 16, 1850 _____.
16. Rachel Smeltzer Drach Wife of Isaac Smeltzer Born Jan. 11, 1824 Died
Sept 17, 1910 Aged 86 years, 8 mos & 6 days.

In 1939, 300 copies of a very beautiful private edition were published for distribution among members of the church: A Centennial History of the Presbyterian Church of New Windsor, Md., 1839-1939. The volume was dedicated "TO ARTHUR CORNELL SMELSER, in loving memory by his family."

This New Windsor church with its peaceful cemetery is a rainbow prism of drama -- with age a mercurial detail, like the capillarity of raindrops on a tawny field of wheat.

"On June 22, 1839, five women and three men met at Greenwood's School House for the purpose of organizing a Presbyterian Church.

.....
"At the time of the War of Independence this now fertile farm land of Western Maryland, but 35 miles from the great Chesapeake Bay, and not far from Southern Maryland (the scene of our early settlements), was then a primeval forest dominated by the Indians and inhabited by a few white trappers.

"One of the earliest grants in this section was a tract of 2,688 acres, called 'Pork Hill', surveyed for James Carroll in 1727. New Windsor is located on this tract near the junction of Dickenson's Branch and Little Pipe Creek; and Greenwood, a mile South, is near this tract and but a short distance from Sam's Creek, an historic boundary stream of Western Maryland. A few pioneers settled here between 1736 and 1771, but it was not until the close of the war that the home builders began to move in. Strife and discord slowly gave way to law and order, and by 1800 we find Greenwood growing up into a thrifty and prosperous community. Small private schools were opened in this vicinity before they were established in the town of New Windsor.

"By 1815 Jacob Roop and wife Sarah Hartsook were living out by Sam's Creek on the farm now owned by Lewis Green. The Greenwoods were settled all along the stream. Nearby were the Bowersoxes, the Englars, the Nicodemus family, the Snaders, the Stouffers, the Nailles, Haineses and Eckers.

"Jacob Landes and wife Margaret were also prominent residents of the community. They were married at Lancaster, Pa., in 1806, settled in Walkersville, Md., then moved to Greenwood where they engaged in milling at the location where our present Elder Albert Albaugh now lives. Mr. Landes is said to have owned as much as 600 acres of land along the Sam's Creek and surrounding hills. In his will he left funds for the permanent support and upkeep of the Greenwood School House and adjoining cemetery.

"This old community house was a place of general meeting on many occasions, and so in 1839, we find the young Rev. Mr. Carter, missionary preacher of the Presbyterian Church of Taneytown, working among these people of many different pursuits ideas and beliefs. So earnestly and sincerely did he witness for the Lord that the Holy Spirit came and fell upon them, and in this small building at Greenwood our New Windsor Presbyterian Church was organized. Meetings of our Church were

"held there until 1841 when the present Church was erected in New Windsor.

"The details of the history of our Church during its first one hundred years can not be obtained from the memory of those now living nor from their recollection of what their ancestors told them. However, there exists a complete record of the sessions of our Church since its beginning. It is a little book six by eight inches with a marbled cardboard cover and contains slightly over one hundred pages. It contains the minutes of the Session from June 22, 1839 to October 1, 1916. There is also found in it a roll of membership and a list of the baptisms.

"The typical meeting of the Session insofar as the records show was attended by the Moderator (the pastor) and the Ruling Elders of the Church. A record was kept of the names of those who had been examined for membership. It also granted and received letters of dismission. Each year it elected delegates to the meetings of the Presbytery. The record contains, of course, information as to the appointments and resignations of pastors.

"Only seldom did the record go beyond these subjects. Nothing was said of the four wars in which the United States was engaged during the life of our Church. The subject of slavery was never discussed. Only once during this period can the historian find in these records an indication that there was an economic and financial depression.

The Lawn Fete

"The little ivy-covered Church has attracted countless strangers. Because the approach to the front door seems to be from the back of the Church, it has an appearance of quaintness. Some four years after its erection about twelve cedar trees were planted about the building and most of them are still standing. Bent over and broken by many storms, they still seem to whisper a prayerful benediction. If they could speak they would testify to many happy lawn fete days. The Annual Lawn Fete is an institution of the Church which has functioned continuously for almost forty-five years. Church friends from Baltimore and Washington made it a point to be present the first Friday and Saturday in August of each year for the 'Fete.' Guests at Dielman's Inn never failed to make their distinct contribution; and the New Windsor Boys' Band has become an indispensable part of the occasion. . . ."8

The cemetery is described: "The cedar sentinels also stand guard over the cemetery which is scarcely a dozen paces from the Church door. Here many of the Church members lie asleep. . . For the past forty-five years, Mrs. W. Cora Stouffer has supervised the care of the cemetery."9

YOHAN ADAM SCHMELTZER b. ____-26-1724; d. 6-27-1796, age 72. He is buried in the Winter's Cemetery at New Windsor, Md. His wife's name is not known, but it is probable that her remains rest in the grave by John Adam's, and that she was deceased in 1786. I believe they had at least two children:

I. LUCIA SCHMELTZER b. 1749; d. 7-2-1816, aged 67-6-3. She is buried in Winter's Cemetery, and her stone reads that she was married for 39 years. Ap-

parently she had children, for a TUFFISH PRUGH (d. 8-4-1843 age 6 yrs. 2 mos.) is also buried there. Tuffish, age-wise, would qualify as a grand-child of Lucia.

II. MICHAEL SMELTZER d. 1827 in Frederick Co., Md., where his will was filed on 10-1-1827. He m. MARY _____ b. 1759; d. 7-25-1836 age 77-7-11. Both are buried at Winter's Cemetery. Michael "departed this life November the 10th aged 74 years & 4 months." Issue:

- A. JACOB SMELSER b. 1788; d. 5-19-1819 age 31-9-27. I include Jacob as a son of Michael because (1) he appears to be buried next to Michael (2) he would be the right age for a son, perhaps the eldest and (3) he could not have been named in his father's will since he predeceased his parent. And since no heirs for Jacob were named, it can be assumed he was unmarried or was married without having children. Again, there is the possibility that ISAAC SMELSER, who d. 1806 age two years (and buried at Winter's) is a son of Jacob.
- B. GEORGE SMELSER (spelled Smeltzer in the will). A stone at Winter's Cemetery reads, "In memory of George Smelser who departed this life July 7, 1857, Aged 48 years, 5 mo's & 11 days." If these are the same person, subject was b. 1809. One surmisal is the George, buried at Winter's, might be the son of Jacob, also buried at Winter's, but I incline to think that the George at Winter's is the son of Michael, the one named in Michael's will.

Another enigma is caused by a reference to a Michael Smeltzer who m. Mary Ann Hoyer. This couple had a son, George, who in turn had a son b. 1819 in Carroll Co., Md. With the exception of the date 1819, names and places could tally enough to indicate that Michael Smeltzer who m. Mary Ann Hoyer is the son of Yohan Adam. Consequently, I shall also list this second alternative here: MICHAEL SMELSER m. MARY ANN HOYER and had issue:

- B. GEORGE SMELTZER m. SARAH PEARCE, daughter of Elizabeth (Stevens) and Josiah Pearce, and had at least one child:
 1. JOSIAH PEARCE SMELTZER b. 9-10-1819 in Carroll Co., Md.; d. 10-31-1887 at Charleston, S.C. (I wrote for a copy of the will, but was informed that no such will is on file at Charleston.) Josiah Pearce Smeltzer m. (1) 10-22-1848 HARRIETT A. BUFFINGTON and (2) 6-17-1851 at Harper's Ferry ANNIE E. EICHELBERGER. Josiah Pearce Smeltzer was graduated from Pennsylvania College in 1846 and the Gettysburg Theological Seminary in 1848. He was pastor at Harper's Ferry and Salem, Va., 1848-61. He became Professor of Theology at the Newberry College in S.C., 1861-65; and President, 1861-77. From 1877-85 he served as President of Walhall, S.C. Female College. Mr. Smeltzer received an honorary degree of D.D. from Erskine College in S.C.¹⁰
- C. MARY SMELTZER m. _____ NORRIS.
- D. CATHERINE SMELTZER m. _____ WINRODE. Michael Smeltzer's will names Catherine Winrode. Could this husband have died and she m. (2) MICHAEL SULLIVAN? If so, CATHERINE SMELTZER m. MICHAEL SULLIVAN b. 1795; d. 1866. Michael Sullivan was a member of the first grand jury of Carroll County in 1837 and a Judge of the Orphan's Court in 1839-45, and 1851-1859. He was in favor of Andrew Jackson's election. Michael Sullivan

is the son of Catherine (Bohn-Boon) and Cornelius Sullivan, the latter having been b. 1749 and d. 1816. Both are buried in the Kreider Cemetery at Westminster, Md. Michael Sullivan m. (2) Hannah Brown and had six children and (3) Sarah Conaway. The father, Cornelius, is said to have descended from Sir Philip O'Sullivan of County Cork, Ireland. The family settled not far from Westminster after having emigrated to America. Cornelius Sullivan was in the Revolutionary War and served in Capt. Frederick Deam's Co., 7th Regt.

E. SALLY SMELTZER m. _____ LANTZ.

F. DAVID SMELTZER b. 7-11/12-1800 outside the town of New Windsor, Md.; d. 1863/4 in Carroll Co., Md. He m. 6-12-1828 MARY MAUER b. 11-1-1811; d. 4-29-1872 age 60-5-28, and is buried at Winter's Cemetery. The list does not show David's being buried at Winter's. David Smelser operated a flour mill for some time before the Civil War. (See his will, p. 11.)

WILL OF MICHAEL SMELTZER

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN: I Michael Smeltzer of Frederick County in the State of Maryland, being in reasonable health of Body and of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, considering the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, before it shall please God to call me hence, I do therefore make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following.

First and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body to the Earth, to be decently buried, and after my debts and funeral charges are paid, I devise and bequeath as follows:

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Smeltzer, one feather bed, bedsted, and all the furniture and bed clothes thereto belonging to the same, one cow, two hogs, case of Drawers, one Iron pot, tea kettle, frying pan, six tea spoons, (silver) one coffee and tea pots; one dozen cups and saucers, one dozen plates, half a dozen knives and forks, ten plate stove and pipe, my clock and case, six chairs my wearing apparel, and the sum of One thousand Dollars, Current Money, to dispose of as she thinks proper.

I give and bequeath unto my son George Smeltzer, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money, to be paid as hereinafter described.

I give to my daughter Mary Norris the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money, to be paid as hereinafter described.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Catherine Winrode the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money, to be paid as hereinafter directed.

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sally Lantz the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money, to be paid as hereinafter directed.

The above legacies to be paid by my Executors in the following manner.

At the end of one year after my death the sum of seventy five dollars is to be paid to my son George. At the end of two years after my death, the sum of seventy five dollars, is to be paid to my daughter Mary Norris. At the end of three years after my death the sum of seventy five dollars, is to be paid to my daughter Catherine Winrode and at the end of four years after my death, the sum of Seventy five dollars, is to be paid to my daughter Sally Lantz, and so on yearly, the sum of seventy five dollars, untill the whole is paid, commencing with my son George, and so on yearly to each of my daughters as before stated.

All the remaining part of my Estate Real, personal and mixed, I give, devise and bequeath unto my son David Smeltzer, his heirs and assigns forever; - And lastly I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my son David Smeltzer and my friend John Roop (of Joseph) Executors of this my last Will and Testament, authorizing and empowering them my said Executors, or the surviving or acting one to convey by good and sufficient deeds of conveyance, all or any part of my real Estate, to the purchasers in as full and ample a manner as I could now do, revoking and annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made, Ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last Will and testament. In Testimony whereof, I have herunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this first day of October, in the year of our Lord 1827.

Signed, sealed, published and
declared by the above named Testator
as and for his last Will and Testament
in the presence of us who at his request
and in his presence, have subscribed our
names as witnesses thereto.

Michael Smeltzer (SEAL)

William Durbin
John Wampler
Jacob Shriver

DAVID SMELSER, son of Michael, and MARY (MAUER) SMELSER had issue:

1. DAVID PAUL SMELSER b. 4-14-1843 near New Windsor; d. 8-16-1924. He m. SARAH CORNELL b. 2-4-1843; d. 3-13-1912; daughter of Margaret (Haun) and Alexander Cornell. David Paul Smelser was Clerk of Circuit Court for Frederick Co. for some time, as well as agent for the Western Railroad. On 2-26-1905 he was elected Elder of the Presbyterian Church at New Windsor. DAVID PAUL and SARAH (CORNELL) SMELSER had issue:
 - a. ARTHUR CORNELL SMELSER b. 1-18-1867; d. 8-4-1914. He m. LULU M. CARLISLE. He was elected Trustee of the New Windsor Presbyterian Church 1-14-1905, and Deacon, 11-7-1909. Issue:
 - i. DAVID PAUL SMELSER II b. 10-5-1894 at New Windsor, Md.; m. 1925 MARCELLA WELSH of Yonkers, New York. No issue. David Paul Smelser received his A.B. (age 17) from New Windsor Col-

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 - a. ARTHUR CORNELL SMELSER b. 1-18-1867; d. 8-4-1914. He m. LULU M. CARLISLE. He was elected Trustee of the New Windsor Presbyterian Church 1-14-1905, and Deacon, 11-7-1909. Issue:
 - i. DAVID PAUL SMELSER II b. 10-5-1894 at New Windsor, Md.; m. 1925 MARCELLA WELSH of Yonkers, New York. No issue. David Paul Smelser received his A.B. (age 17) from New Windsor Col-

lege and Ph.D. (age 21) in 1916 from Johns Hopkins. He was with the American Expeditionary Forces in France during W. W.I. After college, Dr. Smelser went to the Federal Trade Commission, working with the coal commission. He then became associated with the Proctor and Gamble Company, where he

D. P. SMELSER

MANAGER
MARKET RESEARCH DEPARTMENT
THE PROCTOR & GAMBLE COMPANY
CINCINNATI, OHIO

started consumer research, which was to become the largest such department in the country. Mr. Smelser was alluded to in the April 1939 issue of Fortune (p. 162) for his outstanding work at Proctor & Gamble. The department (research) at P & G has grown since that time, and the character of the work has changed, e.g., product testing is the major part of the work today. One advertisement that Fortune ran in Time magazine (just prior to 1939) had the intriguing title something like: "Read How Deupree Reigns and Smelser Researches." (See also Lief's book, It Floats, in which Mr. Smelser is the unnamed researcher.) In 1939 Dr. Smelser received an annual advertising award "in recognition of his distinguished contribution to the knowledge and techniques of radio advertising." P & G highly publicized Dr. Smelser's work (ca 1955) and syndicated writers interpreted it variously. For example, Inez Robb started her article similarly: "This is about a man who knows more about women than Kinsey." Dr. Smelser has published the book, Unemployment and American Trade Unions (Baltimore, Md.: Johns Hopkins Press, 1916). The Smelsers formerly lived at House Gardens, 2374 Madison Road, Cincinnati, Ohio. They moved to Arizona in the fall of 1960. Address: 3329 E. Second Street, Tucson, Arizona.

- ii. MARIE CARLISLE SMELSER m. EDWIN THOMPSON. Issue:
 - i. JOHN EDWIN (JACK) THOMPSON. Address: Fort Detrick, Maryland.
- b. CORA SMELSER m. WALTER STOUFFER. They had issue:
 - i. EVE STOUFFER d. April, 1961. She m. _____ RHODES. There were no issue.
- c. LESLIE A. SMELSER m. GRACE TYDINGS. Leslie was elected Trustee of the Presbyterian Church in New Windsor on 1-19-1922. Issue:
 - i. HERBERT WILSON SMELSER b. 3-25-1916; d. 12-22-1936.
- 2. VIRGINIA CATHERINE SMELSER b. 8-31-1847; d. 9-24-1913.
- 3. WILLIAM WASHINGTON SMELSER b. 1829. The name and date are from Bible records for the parents and were forwarded to me by Mr. John Thomp-

son. Separately, I received a questionnaire from the Hon Charles H. Smelser who listed his great-grandfather as William Smelser, born near New Windsor, and great-grandmother as Sophia Catherine Fisher. No dates were given. Hesitantly, I list these two Williams as the same man, and proceed to list the descendants as follows: WILLIAM SMELSER and SOPHIA CATHERINE FISHER were m. near New Windsor, Md., and had issue:

- a. CHARLES EZRA SMELSER b. near New Windsor; m. MARTHA JANE ERB, daughter of Rebecca Catherine (Stonesifer) and Josiah Erb. Issue:
 - i. CHARLES HAROLD SMELSER, SR. b. 1895 near New Windsor; d. in 1944. He m. January, 1918 at Uniontown, Md. GRACE ANN DE VILBISS b. 4-4-1899 at Uniontown. She is the daughter of Louella Stevenson (Zile) b. 10-25-1864; d. 3-13-1944 and Jacob Snader DeVilbiss b. 1-28-1870 near Uniontown; m. 1-31-1889 at the Zile Farm near Uniontown; d. April, 1957. Louella Stevenson Zile is the daughter of Margaret (Stevenson) and J. Leonard Zile. Jacob Snader DeVilbiss is the son of Martha (Snader) and Thomas J. DeVilbiss b. near New Windsor. CHARLES HAROLD and GRACE (DE VILBISS) SMELSER had issue:
 - i. CHARLES HAROLD SMELSER, JR. b. 7-4-1920 at Uniontown; m. 5-11-1946 at Uniontown (Uniontown Methodist Church by the Rev. Howard Miller) BABBETTE MARIE KRUEGER b. 4-28-1924 at Bronx, New York. Charles H. Smelser, Jr. was educated in the public schools of Uniontown and New Windsor, and received his B.S. in Agronomy from the University of Maryland in 1942. By profession he is a dairy farmer. He has also served as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates since 1955. Mr. Smelser was 1st Lt. in the 8th Air Force 490th Bombardment Group during W.W.II. He was a B-17 bomber pilot and received the Five Clusters Air Medal. He is a member of Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity, Omicron Delta Kappa men's leadership fraternity, Lions International, and is Trustee for the Frederick Memorial Hospital. Babbette Marie (Krueger) Smelser attended the Maryland College for Women at New Windsor, which is now defunct. Address: Route 2, Union Bridge, Maryland. Issue:
 - i. BERNARD CHARLES SMELSER b. 6-26-1947 at Roslyn, Long Island, New York.
 - ii. BARBARA ANN SMELSER b. 4-12-1955 at Frederick.
 - ii. MARY LEE DEVILBISS SMELSER b. 10-28-1928 at Uniontown, Md.; m. _____ MATTHEWS.

I believe that the following is a son of William Washington Smelser:

- b. WILLIAM SMELSER. One history listed a William Smelser who lived at New Windsor, Md., and had at least one child, a daughter named Emma. I am assuming that this county reference to William is the naming of a son of the William Washington Smelser b. 1829. Therefore, I am placing those descendants here: WILLIAM SMELSER and _____ had issue:

- i. EMMA E. SMELSER m. 8-24-1893 DAVID WESLEY ROYER, a farmer
b. 12-4-1862; d. 12-5-1902. In 1928 Mrs. Royer was oper-
ating a store at Westminster, Md. The Royers had issue:
i. NELLIE ELIZABETH ROYER b. 10-19-1894
ii. DAVID S. ROYER b. 10-11-1896
iii. MARGARET ROYER b. 11-28-1898

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF DAVID SMELSER

In the name of God, amen -- I David Smelser of Carroll County in the State of Maryland, do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament -- First and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body to the earth to be decently buried, at the discretion of my Executors herein-after named.

I direct my Executors, to collect all the money that may be due or that may become due to my estate; and after all my just debts and funeral expenses are paid, I will and devise as follows: That my widow Mary Smelser, occupy and enjoy the use of all my real and personal property, until such time that my youngest child shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years; upon the condition of her paying over from year to year, such sum or sums of money as she may have left after defraying the expenses necessary for her comfort, and the repairs of the real property -- such money as she may pay over, to be applied towards paying the legacies of my eldest children, as hereinafter directed.

When my youngest child shall have arrive_ at the age of twenty one years, I direct my Executors to sell all my real and personal property of ever_ de- scription, and to collect the money arising from said sale or sales.

I then will and bequeath to my widow Mary Smelser, the sum of two thousand dollars.

Whereas I hold two notes of hand (?) against my son William W. Smelser, amounting together to the sum of one thousand five hundred and five dollars and twenty-five cents; besides which I have heretofore given him in household articles to the amount ninety four dollars and seventy five cents, amount in the aggregate to the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars, which I hereby will and devise to my son William W. Smelser, the same to him and his heirs I then direct that each of my other children, receive out of my estate as much as to make them equal to my son William.

I then direct that the balance of my estate, be equally divided among my five children, and their respective heirs -- In the event of my widow not living until my youngest child should arrive at the age of twenty-one years, I order my real and personal property to be sold, as soon as my be convenient after her death, and a distribution to be made according to the tenor of what I have hereintofores directed.

The two thousand dollars herein bequeathed to my widow, I direct that the

same, or whatever she may enjoy or possess of the same at the time of her #
death, be equally divided among my five children and their heirs or represent- #
atives.

David Smelser

Isaac Lambert

Wilson Englar

Philip Boyle

1864 March 31 - True copy Test:

Jos. W. Parke

Reg'r of Wills

Admitted to probate Feb. 29, 1864

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ISAAC W. SMELSER b. 5-16-1821; d. 5-16-1850. He m. RACHEL _____ b. 1-11-1824; d. 9-17-1910 age 86-8-6. Her stone reads "Rachel Smeltzer Drach Wife of Isaac Smeltzer." Drach is apparently the name of her second husband. Isaac W. and Rachel are both buried at New Winter's Cemetery. From the Centennial edition of the New Windsor Presbyterian book, I find that an Isaac Smelser m. Fannie Lambert and had at least three children. Believing that this Isaac is the son of Isaac and Rachel, I shall place them as follows:

1. ISAAC SMELSER m. FANNIE LAMBERT, daughter of Margaret G. and Charles E. Lambert, and grand-daughter of Jesse Lambert b. 9-17-1814; d. 4-19-1899. Issue:
- a. IRVIN EUGENE SMELSER
 - b. LAMBERT SMELSER
 - c. MARGARET M. SMELSER

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CATHARINE SMELTZER m. 11-15-1850 SAMUEL ROYER. He was m. (1) 1-15-1844 SUSAN BIBEL. Catharine was b. 12-26-1821; d. 10-13-1891. Samuel Royer was a carpenter and farmer near the homestead in Center Co.; he also owned a mill; was a supervisor; settled up many estates. He had two children by his first wife. CATHARINE SMELTZER and SAMUEL ROYER had issue:

1. WILLIAM LUTHER ROYER b. 7-19-1851
2. THOMAS FRANKLIN ROYER b. 4-2-1854
3. ELIZABETH ELLEN ROYER b. 12-23-1856
4. SAMUEL EDWIN ROYER b. 9-9-1860

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HENRY R. SMELTZER lived in the Middletown District of Western Maryland. He had at least one son, CHARLES C. SMELTZER, who studied law with ex-Governor Lowe in Maryland. In 1858 he was elected Judge of Court in Clay Co., Iowa. Charles C. Smeltzer was the grandson of Sgt. Lawrence Everhart of Revolutionary fame.

"LAWRENCE EVERHART - This heroic soldier of the Revolution was born in Middletown Frederick County May 6, 1755, and enrolled himself August 1, 1776 as a member of the first battalion, 'Flying Camp' Co. commanded by Capt. Jacob Goode. . . tall, of great physical endurance and indomitable pluck. With his regiment, he joined the brigade commanded by General Rezin Beall. He was in the Battle of White Plains and also at Fort Washington with the Maryland troops. When the latter was surrendered, however, he managed to escape. In 1778, after expiration of his term of service, he enlisted at Frederick with a number of others, in Col. Washington's regt. of cavalry. At the battle of Cowpens was wounded and captured by the enemy. Everhart, with 17 men, were selected by Col. Washington to reconnoitre Col. Tarleton's regt. of cavalry. As the enemy's horses, impressed from the S.C. plantation, were much fleeter than those of Everhart and his companions, the scouting-party was overtaken. A bloody contest ensued and Everhart was captured after his horse had been shot under him. He was taken before Tarleton, when the following conversation occurred: 'Do you expect Mr. Washington and Mr. Morgan to fight me today?' asked Tarleton. 'Yes,' replied Everhart, 'if they can keep together 200 men.' 'Then, said the former, 'it will be another Gates 'defeat.' 'I hope to God it will be another Tarleton defeat,' replied Everhart. 'I am Col. Tarleton, sir!' His wounds, which were numerous and severe, were carefully dressed by the British surgeons, and he was treated with great kindness and consideration. He was, however, taken to the field of action, and during the battle which ensued the enemy, finding they could no longer keep Everhart in their possession, 'shot him in the head, over one of his eyes.' The wound was not serious, and Washington's Cavalry being then intermingled with the British, Everhart pointed out to Col. James Simmond the man who had shot him. The British soldier was at once shot down, and his horse handed over to Everhart. In the eagerness of his pursuit, Col. Washington advanced some 30 yards in front of his command. Then three British officers, observing this, wheeled about and charged on him. The officer on the right was in the act of cutting him down, when Sergt. Everhart sprang forward and saved Col. Washington by disabling the officer's sword arm. The officer on the left was also about to make a stroke at him when a waiter fired his pistol and wounded Col. Washington's assailant. At the same moment the officer in front (believed to have been Col. Tarleton) made a thrust at him, which Washington parried. Whereupon the officer fired his pistol, wounding Col. Washington in the knee. On returning from the pursuit, Washington embraced Sergt. Everhart and sent him to the rear, where his wounds were dressed. Everhart was disabled for active service for some time, but was present at the surrender of Yorktown, where he made the acquaintance of Lafayette. In 1782 he was honorably discharged. He returned to Middletown Valley and settled on a farm. He then married and was father of several children. He afterwards became a Methodist

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"minister. Col. Washington paid him a visit in 1779, and on meeting the veterans 'rushed into each other's arms, kissed, and gave vent to their feelings in tears of joy.' Sergt. Everhart died in 1839."¹¹

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As related at the outset of this chapter, two men emigrated to America in 1750 on the ship "Royal Union" -- YOHANN ADAM SCHMELTZER and VALLTIN SCHMELTZER. These passengers (and it is presumed they are brothers) sailed from Rotterdam, the port of embarkation. The early "Palatine" emigrations had begun at least a half century before. Walter Allen Knittle states that: "Shiploads of German peoples, variously estimated from two thousand to thirty-two thousand, arrived in London between May and November of 1709. A year earlier a small band of fifty had preceded them. As most of the latter and the greater part of the former group came from the Rhenish or Lower Palatinate, the name 'Palatine' was applied indiscriminately to the rest of the immigrants, although they came from the neighboring territories as well."¹² At the back of this volume by Knittle is a list of Palatine families in Limerick County, Ireland, in 1934. Among them is the name SMELTZER.

Strassburger in his book, Pennsylvania German Pioneers, lists the following German passengers on various ships to America;

1. Ship Commerce, from Amsterdam, arriving at Philadelphia 10-9-1803: Anna Maria Schmeltzer
2. Ship Royal Union (1750) Valltin and Johann Adam Schmeltzer
3. Ship Leslie, from Rotterdam, arriving at Philadelphia Oct., 1749: Wendal Schmeltzer
4. Ship Loyal Judith, from Rotterdam, arriving 9-25-1732: Johannes Smeltzer, age 26
5. Ship The Thistle, from Rotterdam, arriving 9-19-1738: Johann Phillib Schmelzer

Rupp lists those six individuals as well as:

7. Ship Sandwich, from Rotterdam, arriving 11-30-1750: Andreas Schmeltzer
8. Ship Phoenix, from Rotterdam, arriving 9-25-1751: Johan Gottfried Schmeltzer

In 1790, there were the following census records:

1790 CENSUS FOR MARYLAND

		White Males Over 16	F.W.M. - 16	Free White Females
Adam Smelser	Frederick Co.	1	2	4
Albrach Smelser	Washington Co.	1		2
Leonard Smelser	Washington Co.	1		3
Andrew Smeltzer	Frederick Co.	1	2	3

1790 CENSUS FOR PENNSYLVANIA

Michael Schmelcher	York Co.	1	4	2
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1790 CENSUS FOR PENNSYLVANIA Cont.

Valentine Smellser	York Co., Windsor Twp.	1	1	2
John Smellzer	York Co., Windsor Twp.	1	3	4
Phillip Smeltzer	York Co., Windsor Twp.	1		1
John Smelzer	Berks Co.	1	3	3

The following are Revolutionary War records (from Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series):

Smeltzer, John, Vol. 2, p. 738: Continental Line, 1st Pennsylvania, private, 1783. Col. Daniel Brodhead.

Smeltzer, John, Vol. 2, p. 1089: Continental Line, 4th Pennsylvania, March 1779.

Smeltzer, John, Vol. 2, p. 1095: Amount paid to 4th Pennsylvania, 13.10.0. at Carlisle. No date.

Smeltzer, John, Vol. 3, p. 823: German Regiment, enlisted Feb. 13, 1780, period during the war.

Smeltzer, John, Vol. 4, p. 209: The German Regiment, Depreciation Pay, private.

From the Index to Revolutionary War Pension Applications:

Smeltzer, John, Penna. BLWt 10355 (Bounty Land Warrant) Issued 7-9-1789 (on file "not delivered") No papers.

From the National Archives:

John Smeltzer, private, 1st Pennsylvania Regiment. He, with others, signed a receipt for the balance of a settlement between the United States and "us" for pay to November 3, 1783, certificates dated July 1, 1784, bearing interest at 6% from August 1, 1780, signed by John Pierce, Commissioner. Date of issue, Aug. 6, 1784. No. of Certificate, 74540. Sum, \$40.66. There is another card similar to the above herein also, for \$80.00. Certificate 75435, issued Aug. 6, 1784. John Smeltzer, and others, acknowledged receipt from Major Thomas B. Bower, and Capt. Ercurius Beatty, agents for the late Pennsylvania Line for these sums of money.

John Smeltzer, private, Revolutionary War. German Regiment, Continental Troops.

Card 1. Compiled from Rolls of the above organization under the head "State of Pennsylvania against the United States for Depreciation on Pay of the Army." Sum charged: £ 62 S 18 D 2. for 1 mo., June, 1779.

Card 2. John Smeltzer, private, German Battalion, Continental Troops. Late Major Daniel Burchardt's Company in the German Regiment. Company pay roll. Months of Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., and Dec., 1780.

Pay per month - \$6.66

Time of service - 5 months

Amount of pay - £ 12. S 10 (12 pounds and 10 shillings)

Card 3. Same organization. Company pay roll for months of Nov. and Dec., 1779 and Jan. through July, 1780.

Pay per month - \$6.66

Time of service - 4 months and 17 days

Amount of pay - £ 28 S 10 D 10.

(NOTE: Evidently he did not serve all through the above mentioned months.)

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Jacob Smelcer, Private, 2nd Regiment (Patterson's), Pennsylvania Militia. War of 1812. Appears on Company Muster Rolls, Sept. 29, 1812 to April 17, 1813. He enlisted October 2, 1812. Pay per month: \$6.66. Extra duty, December 2-31, 1812. Appears on Company Muster Rolls, January 1 - April 17, 1813. Pay, \$8.00 per mo. Deducted for one blanket and one sheet, \$3.98. Remarks: Left sick at Mansfield. Discharged 2nd April 1810. 200 miles. (This evidently means 200 miles from home, for which they were given payment.)

The next grouping is from the Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series:

Smelcher, Godfrey, Vol. 18, p. 197, Berks Co., 200 acres, 1779, tax, 350.
Smiltzer, Jacob, Vol. 26, p. 319, Berks Co., Warrantee of Land, 40 acres, Sept. 13, 1790
Smelcher, Peter, Vol. 18, p. 197, Berks Co., 1779, tax, 600
Smelcher, Peter, Vol. 18, p. 718, Berks Co., 1785, tax, 14.9
Smelcher, Peter, Vol. 26, p. 319, Berks Co., Warrantee of Land, 141 acres, Oct. 4, 1790
Smelcher, Godfrey, Vol. 18, p. 333, Berks Co., 1780, 250 acres, tax 6.18.0
Smelcher, Peter, Vol. 18, p. 333, Berks Co., 1780, 125 acres, 2 horses, 3 cattle, tax 7.12.0
Smelsor, Peter, Vol. 17, p. 694, Lancaster Co., 1782. Tax 7.10.0
Smeltzer, Jacob, Vol. 18, p. 258, Berks Co., 1779, taylor. Tax 30.
Smeltzer, Jacob, Vol. 26, p. 511, Westmoreland Co., Warrantee of Land, 400 acres, Sept. 30, 1818

We also have knowledge of a George C. Smeltzer whose will was administered May 25, 1803, in Washington Co., Md.

Most of the above is for those who wish to delve more deeply into the Smelser genealogy. For the sake of brevity, I shall not attempt charting these different families as I have worked them out, particularly since I have no absolute proof that my answers are correct.

VALENTINE SMELTZER'S WILL #

In the name of God, Amen. I Valentine Smeltzer of Washington County, and #
Province of Maryland Farmer being Sick and weak in Body but of sound mind mem-#
ory and understanding do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in #
manor and form following (to Wit.) First I recommend my Soul to the Almighty #
God who gave it to me in hopes of a glorious Resurrection at the last day and #
my Body to be deasently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter #
named and as for the Worldly estate it has been pleased God to bless me with #
I give and bequeath as follows viz first I will that all my Just debts and #
funeral charges be paid. #

Item I give and bequeath to my oldest Son Adam Smeltzer Twenty shillings #
sterling and no more for his birthright. Item I give and bequeath unto my #
well beloved Daughter Catherine Smeltzer one House and Lot in Jerusalem Town #
whereon I now live and twenty pounds Currency one Cow and all the Household

furniture to be Enjoyed by my loving Wife Carteraut Smeltzer and Daughter Cath#
arine Joyntly during my said Wifes Life and at her decease to become the whole#
and sole property of my said Daughter Catharine her Heirs and Assigns for Ever#
Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved Wife Cauteraut the use of all the #
remaining part of Estate for and during her natural Life and after her decease#
to be divided amongst my Sons Adam Valentine's deceased his Children a Child's#
part when they come of age and Peter, Daughters Catherine and Odiliah to be #
divided amongst them at my said Wifes discretion in her last Will and Testa- #
ment Lastly I do hereby appoint my loving Wife Carteraut and Frederick Keger #
Sen.^r whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament making nul #
and void all other Will or Wills by me heretofore made In witness whereof I #
have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22ⁿ day of August 1777.

/s/ Valentine Smeltzer (SEAL)

Signed Sealed published and declared to be the
last Will and Testament of Valentine Smeltzer
the Testator in the presence of us who Subscribed
our names at the Testators request and in his
presence.

Thomas Brooke Jacob Smith Conrad Jacoby

Washington County. Sat 18 October 1777 Then came Frederick Keger and made #
Oath on the Holy Evgails of Almighty God that Instrument of Writing is the #
true and whole Will of Valentine Smeltzer late of said County. deceased that #
have come to his hands or possession and that he does not know of any other #
And on the same day came Jacob Smith and Conrad Jacoby two of the subscribing #
witnesses to the within last Will and Testament and severally made Oath on the #
Holy Evangel's of Almighty God. that they did See the Testator herein named #
Sign and Seal this Will that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the #
same to be his last Will and Testament. that at the time of his so doing he #
was to be best of their apprehensions of Sound and Disposing Mind Memory and #
Understanding and they respectively subscribed their Names to this Will in the #
presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other, #
and that they see Thomas Brooke the other Witness do the same.

Certified by
Sides) Recorded 18th October 1777 Thomas Spriggs Reg.^r

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VALENTINE SMELTZER d. 1777 in Washington Co., Md. He m. CARTERAUT . Issue:

- I. ADAM SMELTZER
II. CATHERINE SMELTZER
III. ADAM VALENTINE SMELTZER d. before 1777. Had issue. Names of wife and children not presently known.
IV. PETER SMELTZER
V. ODILIAH SMELTZER (daughter)

NOTES BETWEEN PAGES 1-17:

3. Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series
4. Gibbons History of York County, Pennsylvania, p. 691
5. Archives of Maryland, Vol. XVIII, p. 261
6. History of Frederick County, Maryland by T.I. Williams (1910), Vol. I., p.96
7. The Pennsylvania German in the Revolution, 1775-1783 by H.M.M. Richards, (1908) reprinted from Proceedings of the Pennsylvania German Society, Vol. XVII (1908), p. 205
8. A Centennial History of the Presbyterian Church of New Windsor, Maryland, 1839-1939, privately printed in 1939 by the McDonald Press, Cincinnati, O., for the celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Founding of the Church, Observed June 17th to June 25th, 1939
9. Ibid.
10. Lamb's Biographical Dictionary of the U.S., by Newton-Sears, Boston (Boston: Federated Book Company of Boston, 1903), Vol. VII, p. 104
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ADDENDA, p. 9:

- i. JOHN EDWIN (JACK) THOMPSON b. 12-9-1918 at New Windsor, Md.; m. 1-1-1944 at Lexington, Ky. (Presbyterian Church) MARY ELIZABETH MC BRIDE. Mr. Thompson attended the public schools at New Windsor and the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce 1940-1941. In 1940 he received his A.B. (Economics, English) from Western Maryland College. He was Capt., Medical Service Corp., U.S. Army Medical Corps, 115th Infantry Regt., 29th Div. during W.W.II. He has been employed by the Dept. of Army, Chemical Corps, Fort Detrick at Frederick, Md. since 1946. He was Administrative Asst. 1946-51 and has been Personnel Director since 1951. He has received Outstanding Performance and Sustained Superior Performance Awards from Fort Detrick. He belongs to the Society of Personnel Administration. Travel: Nassau. Hobbies: Bookkeeping and hunting. Address: Fort Detrick, Frederick, Md. JOHN EDWIN and MARY ELIZABETH THOMPSON had issue:
 - i. DAVID PAUL THOMPSON b. 10-10-1944 at Danville, Ky.
 - ii. JOHN CARLISLE THOMPSON b. 3-22-1947 at Frederick
 - iii. WILLIAM LEWIS THOMPSON b. at Frederick, Md.

All of part two of this book is devoted to PETER and BARBARA SMELSER and their descendants. They had ten children. Families of three of those children have not been traced to any great extent. Consequently, I shall list all the known names I have for Katherine, Elizabeth, and Betsy's children on the below chart. The other descendants are listed in separate chapters in order of age.

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PETER SMELSER m. BARBARA GARNHART
They had issue:

- I. PETER m. SUSAN LIGHTFOOT (see chapter 2)
- II. KATHERINE m. 3-2-1791 in Bourbon Co., Ky., MELCHOR COUCHMAN. Issue:
 - A. ANDREW
 - B. JOHN
- III. ELIZABETH m. in Bourbon Co. ADAM SMELSER (her cousin). Issue:
 - A. ADAM who had issue:
 - 1. AMANDA
 - 2. AMERICA
 - 3. FEMALE who m. _____ PIERCE
 - 4. WILLIAM
 - 5. HEBRON who (I think) was b. 1832; d. 12-1-1908 in Lafayette, Ind.
 - B. PETER who had issue:
 - 1. ADAM
 - C. BETSY m. _____ GRONENDYKE and had issue: ELIZABETH & ADAM
 - 1. LEWIS
 - 2. JAMES
 - 3. NELSON
 - 4. SARAH
 - 5. MINERVA
 - 6. CAROLINE who m. _____ ELLIOTT
- IV. BARBARA m. PHILIP DAUBENSPECK (see chapter 3)
- V. MARY m. JOHN SMELTZER (her cousin) (see chapter 4)
- VI. JOHN m. ABIGAIL KIPLINGER (see chapter 5)
- VII. BETSY (twin) who m. WILLIAM THOMPSON and had issue:
 - A. JOEL
- VIII. MARGARET m. PETER SMITH (see chapter 6)
- IX. JACOB m. ELIZABETH SMITH (see chapter 7)
- X. MC LANNA (twin) who d. young

NOTE: For further information re III. and her issue, see section following Peter Smelser's will, and preceding chapter 2.

Although we know that Valentine Smelser (d. 1777) had a son named Peter who by age could well be the Peter Smelser who m. Barbara Garnhart, we cannot positively state the paternity as such. However, much evidence seems to bear this relationship out. We do know that Peter Smelser (who d. in Ky.) came from the area of Hagerstown, which is the county seat for Washington Co., the latter being the place where Valentine died. Also not known is where on the continent did Peter's family originate. Many of Peter Smelser's descendants say the family came from Bavaria. Bavaria is given in a biographical sketch of James Smelser, grandson of

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Peter and Barbara. Another grandchild, Minerva (Smelser) Hart, had written this same location on the back of her father's (Jacob) portrait by DeScott Evans. Mrs. Chase D. Smelser has indicated the possibility that the Smelsers were millers in Metz, Germany, before coming to America.

From the Maryland Colonial Abstracts, Vol. I, by Magruder (p. 93), we find a will under the name of

GERNHART, KATHARINE	Frederick County	26 March 1777
Garnhart, Catharine		12 April 1777

in which her youngest son, Michael, received "all stock of cattle except 2 cows, 1 calf, 1 sheep and 1 sow to my youngest daughter Mary Elizabeth, also all household goods and remainder of estate. To: Jacob Crist, Jacob Froshower, Peter Smaltzer and Henry Gernhart, 1/. each." Jacob Froshower was executor and Abraham Miller and Christian Cassell were witnesses.

In the previous chapter, it was noted that a Peter Smelser was in Berks Co., Pa., in the years 1779, 1785, and 1790 (the latter showed Peter warrantee for 141 acres in October of that year), and Lancaster Co., Pa., in 1782.

The Bourbon Co., Ky., tax lists for 1780 name Michael Garrenhart (no county given). This was for July 1st. Peter Smelser was listed for March, 1791, in Bourbon. A Michael Smith was in Bourbon at the same time as Peter. Frederick Coutsmen was listed for 1-11-1790 in Fayette Co., and Benjamin Couchman is listed in Bourbon Co., 1791. It is apparent that the Garnhart, Smith, Coutsmen, and Smelser families moved westward at short intervals from each other. The Garnhart family had been in Frederick Co., Md., as were the Smelsers. Michael Couchman came to "Stoner's field" at the mouth of Stoner's spring branch (Bourbon Co., Ky.) soon after 1776.

The present area of Kentucky was formed from Fincastle Co, Va., on 12-6-1776. On 11-1-1780, the County of Kentucky was formed into three counties: Fayette, Jefferson, and Lincoln. Then on 8-8-1785, Bourbon County was formed from Fayette. In 1790 the total population for Bourbon was 7,837, of which number 6,929 were whites.¹³

Of these some 6,900 people, Barbara and Peter Smelser and their family can be numbered. Peter must have farmed in Kentucky (hemp, corn, and wheat grew in great luxuriance in Bourbon Co.), for his will showed a sizeable estate. Someone has estimated that Peter's land, valued at about \$3,000 in 1796, would have been appraised at about \$550,000 in 1959.

Peter Smelser was also a miller. Mrs. Wade Hampton Whitley (author of Kentucky Antebellum Portraiture, 1956, 848 pp.) wrote a series of articles on Bourbon Co. history for the newspaper, Paris Kentuckian Citizen. In the 2-7-1958 edition, there appear'd an article on old mills, in which she claimed that: "Peter Smelzer applied for a permit for one (mill) stating he owned the land on one side of Flat Run and John Kiser the other Jan. 1794. His application was approved but since he died his widow Barbara had to prove the erection of an eight foot dam near the mouth of the stream before the mill could go into operation." In a letter to me, dated 8-8-1960, Mrs. Whitley explained the mill location definitely placed the

Peter Smelsers in the neighborhood at the end of the Trabue Road near Ruddell's Mills, and Peter might be buried at the old Stoner Mouth Presbyterian graveyard, though she doubted a stone could be located because "his death occurred before skilled stonecutters came here and most of the graves of that period were marked with an upright limestone rock edgewise in the ground like the Indian graves." She recalled the Smelsers as having been of the group of early settlers of German origin who lived near the Fayette Co. (Ky.) line. Some of these folks were members of the Old Union Church in Fayette.

The only really depressing experience during my "Smelser search" was in 1960 when we pushed through six-to-eight-foot-high weeds and underbrush at the old Stoner Mouth Presbyterian Church Cemetery at Shawhan's Station. Only about a dozen limestone markers still stand upright, and some of these are no longer readable. It is an awful scene of neglect -- the chipped and scattered fragments look like broken backs and detached limbs. The rusty barbed wire fence around two sides of the eerie cemetery must have been stretched there not to keep people out, but to HOLD SOMETHING IN. A neighbor lady (several houses beyond the graveyard and past the red brick schoolhouse) thought there must have been about 300 people buried close together here during the cholera epidemic. Mrs. Whitley recorded 88 inscriptions in 1917 when she went through the burial ground. Last year the "dozen" visable names included:

Col. Samuel Ewalt	Francesca dau. of John & Sarah Ewalt	Martha E. wife of
b. 2-6-1826	b. 1-22-1844	d. 8-14-1855
d. 8-8-1868		T. J. Current
		b. 5-2-1837
	Nancy E. dau. of T. J. &	d. 1-6-1862
	M. E. Current	
	b. 6-9-1854	d. 10-10-1860

Although no Smelser or Smith names were found at Stoner's Mouth or in back of the Old Union Church at Ruddle's Mills, the families were likely buried at one of these places or on their farms.

The Methodist Church at Ruddell's Mills is still used (inscription over the door reads 1820-1850) and the burial plot, while being almost in as bad a shape as the other, doesn't appear so, perhaps because it is near an active church, and thus close to life.

PETER SMELZER'S WILL
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PETER SMELZER'S WILL

In the name of God Amen. I Peter Smelzer of Bourbon County and State of #
Kentucky being sick and weak in body, but in sound and disposing mind and #
memory, do make publish and declare the following instrument of writing as #
my last will and testament of in and concerning my worldly goods and estate #
wherewith the lord hath blessed me in manner as followeth. çd. #
first, it is my Will and I do hereby order, that my well beloved wife, Bar- #
bara, shall have and I do hereby bequeath unto her all the lands lying on #
Stoner bought of John South containing between four and five hundred acres #
with all and every of the Improvements appertances thereupon and in any wise

there unto belonging, to her the said Barbary my S.d wife and to and for her #
 # only proper use and behoof for and in during the time and term till my young-#
 # est son Jacob shall come to his full age of twenty one years and from that #
 # time she my sd wife shall have and hold of said land one thirds including all#
 # the improvements during her natural live & farther I will and bequeath unto #
 # my said wife Barbara all that tract and parcel of land lying near George #
 # Hershman in the aforesaid County of Bourbon containing about 130 acres of #
 # land with all and every of the improvements to and for her proper use for and#
 # in during the time and term till my youngest son Jacob shall be of the full #
 # age of twenty one years, and farther I do hereby will and bequeath unto my #
 # said wife Barbara all my personal estate that is horses cows sheep hogs and #
 # all and every of the household good and furnerture and all cuterements or any#
 # moveables of or on my said place where I now live or else where, anything in #
 # any wise belonging to me, to her and for her only proper use and behoof and #
 # its farther my will and I do hereby order that my wife Barbara have full #
 # right and power in law or equity to act and do all, all things as she may #
 # think proper without being accountable to my said children here after ment- #
 # ioned, that is during the time till my youngest son Jacob comes to lawful age#
 # as aforesaid at which time all my personal estate which at that time may be #
 # in her hands and possession and what ever she may in the time adit thereto, #
 # shall be sold at publick ventue and the moneys there from arising my said #
 # wife Barbara shall have one thirds and the remainder to be equally divided be#
 # tween all my children which may at that time be alive or to such of there #
 # children, now be it remembered and it is my will and I do hereby order that #
 # my said wife Barbara, for and in lue of the above legeseys, bring up my said #
 # children that is Mary Elizabeth, John, Annannia, Jacob, Eve Elizabeth & Marg-#
 # aret in a Christian like manner and give them such learning as may be custem-#
 # ary amoungst us Dutch people, that is common learning with all other neces- #
 # ery asistance as the case may require. #
 # Whereas I the said Peter Smelzer hold six hundred acres of land be the same #
 # more or less, in Mason County in the State aforesaid on the Waters of the #
 # flaming bought of Jacob Myers, I now hereby will and bequeath the said land #
 # and premises as also the place near Geo. Hershman in Bourbon County contain- #
 # ing one hundred and thirty acres be the same more or less, as also the lands #
 # whereon I now live containing between four and five hundred acres of land be #
 # the same more or less in Bourbon County unto all my children, Peter Smelzer #
 # my eldest son - Barbara wife to Phillip Doubenspeek Chetharina, wife to Nel- #
 # cho Koutman Mary Elizabeth, John, Annamaria, Eve Elizabeth, and Margaret, and#
 # Jacob my youngest son in the following manner and condition of that is as #
 # soon as my said youngest son Jacob shall come to his lawful age of twenty one#
 # years, or in case of his death at that time and term, it shall and may be law#
 # ful for my children, or the husband of such that may be married, to chose #
 # amoungst them sels, or a majority of them, three honest free holders, to fue #
 # and vallen all my s.d. lands. or a majority of them to sett a just value on #
 # them in the following manner. the first mentioned six hundred acres to be #
 # before the valuation equally divided in three lott as suitable and convenient#
 # for three settlements as the case will at mitt and so to fix the price agree-#
 # able to the vallue of its quallity, the place, lands near Hershmans to be #
 # valued to its price with the Improvement the home place in the same manner it#
 # being first divided in such parts for settlement as may sute and after such #
 # valuation the sums in the whole appearing shall be equally dividet between #

all my above mentioned children or their heirs shear and shear alike either #
 # in lands case or other wise, and be it remembered that in case any of my said #
 # children should sette and imprve any of the said lands that there improve- #
 # ments are not be valued by only the lands, and that after such settlement #
 # valuation and devition and of such my lands that my children there shall have #
 # shall be theire right title and estate to them children there heirs, assigns #
 # forever. it is to be remembered that the first mentioned lands to have been #
 # bought of John South, there is part lost of W.W. Mollin where on my hous and #
 # most of the Improvement which is to be to my said wife Barbara willed and be- #
 # queathed as aforementioned. I farther do appoint my said wife Barbara gar- #
 # dain for over all my children which are yet under age. #
 # It is farther my Will and I do hereby order that if any of my Children should #
 # die before the arive to there lawful age that the serviving shall equally di- #
 # vided the part of the deceased. and it is lastly my will and I do hereby #
 # order that my said wife Barbara shall or may not be held to give Bail or se- #
 # curity for the executing this my last will and lastly I appoint my said wife #
 # Barbara executrix to this my last will and testament. Given under my hand #
 # and seal Reblisked and declared as my last will and testament this 21st Oct. #
 # 1795. #

Witness Present

Peter Smelzer

Jacob Fry

B. Lwope

(some Dutch names____)

it is farther considered by the Testator that if the within mentioned vallu- #
 # ation and division be made of the lands bought of John South and Samuel Mc #
 # Mollin that is the home place, that if my children, that is Annanniararia is #
 # my daughter and my two sons John and Jacob should chose for there part of the #
 # said lands it is there for my will & I do hereby order that the or either of #
 # them shall have & it shall be lawful for them so to do, to chose for them #
 # selves such lot and the price of, or at the valuation to be paid in three #
 # years thereafter. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal as #
 # within this 21st. Oct. 1795. #

Peter Smelzer

Jacob Fry

(some Dutch names____)

B. Swope

Bourbon County

December Court 1795

This last will and Testament #
 # of Peter Smelzer deceased has proved by the oath of Benedict Swope, Henry #
 # Lyon & Jacob Frye witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, and on the #
 # motion of Barbara Smelzer the Executrix therein named who made oath to the #
 # same. Certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate thereof in due form. #
 # Ex. _____ Test Tho. Arnold C.B.C. #

A Copy Attest: Ed C. Caton

 Clerk Bourbon County Court, Ky.

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The census records for Kentucky (1800) show the following heads of families:

Adam Smelser-----Bourbon County
Barbery Smelser--Bourbon County

Paulser Smelser---Christian County
Peter Smelcer-----Harrison County

1810 CENSUS FOR BOURBON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

John Smelser 1 Wmale -10
1 Wmale 16-26
1 Wmale 45 & up
1 Wfemale 16-26

John Smelzer 2 Wmale -10
1 Wmale 26-45
1 Wfemale -10
1 Wfemale 45up

John Smelzer 1 Wmale -10
1 Wmale 16-26
1 Wmale 26-45
1 Wfemale 16-26
1 Slave

John Smelzer 2 Wmale -10
1 Wmale 45 up
1 Wfemale -10
1 Wfem. 10-26
1 Wfemale 45up

Barberry Smelzer 1 Wmale -10
1 Wmale 16-26
1 Wfemale 45 up & 1 Wfemale 16-26
1 Slave

1820 CENSUS FOR BOURBON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

John Smelzer 1 Wmale -10
1 Wmale 10-26
1 Wmale 26-45
1 Slave
1 Wfemale 10-16

John Smelzer 4 Wmale -10
1 Wmale 10-16
1 Wmale 45 up
1 Slave
1 Wfemale -10
1 Wfem. 26-45
1 Wfemale 45up

John Smelzer 1 Wmale -10
1 Wmale 10-16
1 Wmale 16-26
1 Wfem. 10-16

Jacob Smelzer 1 Wmale -10
1 Wmale 45 up
3 Wfem. 10-16
1 Wfem. 26-45

1830 CENSUS FOR BOURBON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Peter Smelzer 1 Wmale -5
1 Wmale 10-15
1 Wmale 15-20
1 Wmale 30-40

The names listed in the chart (p. 19) as descendants of ELIZABETH and ADAM SMELSER were taken from the Family Chart (1895). I am fairly certain that Elizabeth and Adam Smelser were in Fayette Co., Ind., as were many of their descendants. Because of discrepancies in dates of birth in census and Civil War records, I shall list Fayette and Union Counties records on the following page.

1820 CENSUS FOR FAYETTE COUNTY, INDIANA

Peter Smelser	1 M -5	1 M 30-40	1 F -5	1 F 20-30
Adam Smelser	1 M 50-60	1 F 5-10	1 F 50-60	
Adam Smelser, Jr.	2 M 20-30	2 F -5	1 F 20-30	1 F 5-10
William Smelser	1 M 15-20	2 M 20-30	1 F 15-20	1 F 50-60

1820 CENSUS FOR UNION COUNTY, INDIANA

John Smelser	1 M -5	1 M 5-10	1 M 10-15	1 M 30-40	1 F -5
	1 F 5-10	1 F 40-50			
Samuel Smelser	1 M 20-30	2 F -5	1 F 20-30		

1850 CENSUS FOR FAYETTE COUNTY, INDIANA

Adam Smelser age 77 born in Pennsylvania farmer Wife, Elizabeth age 73

Jesse Smelzer age 20 born in Indiana laborer Also: Rachel age 25 b. Ind.
William W. age 7 b. Ind. John H. age 6 b. Ind. Edwin 6/12

Winfeel Smelser age 26 laborer Also: Sarah age 16

FAYETTE COUNTY: The first Presbyterian Church of Connersville was organized in October, 1824. ADAM SMELSER was elected Elder.

CIVIL WAR RECORDS

ADAM SMELSER Recruit Pvt. Co. K 19th Regt. 3 yrs. Entr. 10-20-1862 at Indianapolis by Capt. Willard Mus. 10-20-1862 at Indianapolis by Lt. Col. Carrington age 33 blue eyes brown hair height 5'-8" fair complexion nativity: Fayette Co. farmer Discharged 7-12-1865 On muster out of 20th Regt. Wounded at Gettysburg.

Adam Smelser - Same as above: Pvt. Co. E 20th Reorg. 3 yrs. Enr. 10-20-1862 at Indianapolis by Capt. Hilliard Mus. 10-20-1862 at Indianapolis by Capt. Webb. Mustered out at Washington, D.C. 6-2-1865 for disability.

JACOB SMELSER Pvt. Co. F 105th Regt. 9 days Enr. 7-10-1863 at Abington Age 33 Mustered out - excused by Capt.

JAMES SMELSER Pvt. Co. S. 106th Regt. 9 days 7-10-1863 age 42 Mustered out 7-17-1863. (He could be the son of Peter and Barbara Garnhart. This James was b. 1822 and m. Mary Francis Hamilton.)

JOHN H. SMELSER Substitute Pvt. Co. C 57th Regt. 1 yr. Enr. 10-21-1864 at Terre Haute by Capt. Thompson. Mus. 10-21-1864 at Terre Haute by Capt. Thompson age 18 blue eyes dark hair height 5'-9½" fair complexion farmer Discharged New Orleans, La. 10-20-1865 expiration of service. Substitute for John Siley.

THOMPSON SMELSER Pvt. Co. E 20th Reorg. Regt. 3 yrs. Enr. 2-8-1864 at Muncie by Lt. Branan Mus. 2-8-1864 at Indianapolis by Capt. Hagar age 28 grey eyes

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light hair 5'-5" light complexion nativity: Blackford farmer Mustered out at Jeffersonville, Ind. 7-12-1865

Thompson Smelser - Probably same as above. Recruit Co. E 19th Regt. 3 yrs. Enr. 2-8-1864 at Muncie by Lt. Brenson Mus. 2-10-1864 at Indianapolis by Lt. Mills age 28 grey eyes light hair 5'-5" nativity: Wayne Co. farmer Was slightly wounded 5-5-1864 Wilderness.

DAVID SMELTZER Pvt. Co. E 129th Regt. 3 yrs. Enr. 2-29-1864 at Harrison Twp. by Capt. McGuire Mus. 3-6-1864 at Michigan City by Capt. Thatcher age 18 grey eyes dark hair 5'-8" dark complexion nativity: Elkhart, Ind. farmer Mus. out at Charlotte, N.C. 8-29-1865.

GEORGE H. SMELTZER Recruit Pvt. Co. 51 Regt. 3 yrs. Enr. 6-25-1862 at Indianapolis by O. Tousy Mus. 6-30-1862 at Indianapolis by Col. Simonson age 18 grey eyes dark hair 5'-7½" dark complexion farmer

George H. Smeltzer: Same as above. Recruit Pvt. Co. I 57th Regt. 3 yrs. Enr. 6-23-1862 at Indianapolis Mus. 6-23-1862 at Indianapolis by Maj. Carpenter age 18 grey eyes dark hair 5'-8" dark complexion nativity: Frederick, Md. farmer Mustered out at Nashville, Tenn. 5-16-1865 Cpl. 6-30-1863 reduced by own request 10-31-1864.

JOHN SMELTZER Pvt. Co. K 128th Regt. 3 yrs. Enr. 2-16-1864 at Logansport by Capt. Henton Mus. 3-7-1864 at Michigan City by Capt. Thatcher age 45 black eyes dark hair height 5'-8" dark complexion nativity: Pa. laborer Mustered out at Beauford, N.C. 6-19-1865

MILTON SCHMELTZER Private Co. H 128th Regt. 8 yrs. Enr. 2-13-1864 at Logansport by Capt. Powell Mus. 3-7-1864 at Michigan City by Capt. Thatcher age 18 blue eyes dark hair height 5'-8" light complexion nativity: St. Joseph Co. farmer Died at Nashville, Tenn. 7-5-1864.

PHILIP SMELTZER Pvt. Co. E 129th Regt. 3 yrs. Enr. 2-23-1864 at Harrison Twp. by Capt. McGuire Mus. 3-6-1864 by Capt. Thatcher at Michigan City age 35 dark eyes black hair height: 5'-9" dark complexion nativity: Ashland, Ohio farmer Mustered out at Washington, D.C. 5-26-1865.

(For Ohio Civil War records see chapter 10.) It is to be noted that all of the above men are not descendants of the Fayette and Union Co. Smelsers.

As has been previously stated, descendants of Elizabeth and Adam Smelser were located in Fayette Co. for some time. The only reference found re the Groenendyke family (descendants of Elizabeth and Adam) was in a county history for Jay and Blackford Counties, Ind.: "MONTGOMERY GROENENDYKE an enterprising agriculturist and one of the representative citizens of Jackson Township, is a native of Indiana, born in Fayette County, 7-18-1828, a son of James and Barbara (Buck) Groenendyke, the former a native of Holland, Germany, and latter born in North Carolina. They were married in Wayne County, and were among the pioneers of Fayette County, where they settled after their marriage. The father was twice married, and by his first wife had eight children, being the father of 15 children. Mont-

"gomery Groenendyke, whose name heads this sketch, was reared a farmer in his native county, receiving his early education in the district schools, which he completed at the North Western Christian University at Indianapolis. After completing his education he taught for some time, becoming a popular as well as a successful teacher. He afterward began working at the carpenter's trade which he followed 25 years. He enlisted in the war of Rebellion 8-18-1862, in Co. A., 8th Ind. Inf., and was in the service of his country until 7-10-1865, when he received an honorable discharge, when he returned to his home. September 24, 1866, he was united in marriage to Miss Melinda Senior, who was born in Kentucky, but reared in Marion County, Indiana. They are the parents of three children: Lou, b. 3-8-1868; Frank, b. 5-24-1870; and Forest, b. 11-23-1881. Mr. Groenendyke located on his present farm in 1867, which at that time was a dense forest. He has improved his farm in a good manner, and now has 83 acres cleared and under fine cultivation. In connection with his general farming he devotes considerable attention to stock-raising, making a specialty of short horn cattle, of which he has the best herd in the county. In politics Mr. Groenendyke affiliates with the Republican party."¹⁴ I question James Groenendyke's place of birth as being Holland, per this article.

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CHRISTOPHER SMELSER b. 1829 in Johnstown, Pa.; d. 7-14-1916 in Muncie (Delaware Co.), Ind. He m. (1) MATILDA J. _____ d. 6-2-1872 age 52 yrs. and 9 mos. She is buried at the Brownsville M.E. Church Cemetery in Union Co., Ind. (2) 1872 SARAH A. ROTH b. 1853; d. 1927. Christopher and Sarah are buried at Beech Grove Cemetery in Muncie. (NOTE: That Matilda is first wife of Christopher is a personal surmisal. Also, just where he fits in with the Elizabeth and Adam Smelsers I am not sure, but the fact that he entered service at Connersville, Ind., shows he came from Fayette area. When talking with one of Christopher's descendants, I was informed that she thought he came from Fayette Co. and moved to Delaware Co. after the war. This ties in with earlier surmisal.) Subject was a Private in Co. 3rd Light Artillery for one year. He entered 10-1-1864 at Connersville by Lt. McPherson and was mustered at Richmond by Capt. Kinley 10-4-1864. He had gray eyes, auburn hair, and stood 5'-3". He was mustered out 8-21-1865. Issue:

I. OLIVER C. SMELSER b. 1875; m. 12-25-1901 in Dela. Co. (Book W-5, p. 3) VIOLET M. CHESWORTH d. 1953 and is buried at Beech Grove Cemetery in Muncie, Ind. Mr. Smelser lives at Hartford City, Ind. Oliver had issue by second (?) wife:

A. HAROLD OLIVER SMELSER b. 9-2-1904 at Muncie; m. 1930 at Muncie LETTIE CORINNE PORTER b. 8-23-1908. Harold Oliver Smelser is a pattern maker. Address: 615 Carson St., Muncie, Ind. Issue:

1. REMA LOUISE SMELSER b. 5-19-1932 in Muncie; m. 11-10-1950 in Muncie WILLIAM HOWARD WHITAKER b. 2-1-1931 in Muncie. He is a contractor. Address: 2522 Lanewood Ave., Muncie, Ind. Issue:
 - a. GARY LEE WHITAKER b. 11-10-1951 in Muncie
 - b. DANNY RAY WHITAKER b. 8-4-1958 in Muncie
2. WILMA JEAN SMELSER b. 6-9-1933 in Muncie; m. 3-20-1955 in Muncie to HAROLD GENE NEAL b. 12-7-1931 at Muncie. He is a plumber. Address: 2508 W. 31st St., Muncie. Issue:
 - a. HAROLD ALLEN NEAL b. 5-11-1956 at Muncie
 - b. PATRICIA ELAINE NEAL b. 8-17-1958 in Muncie
3. ELIZABETH JOAN SMELSER b. 3-6-1936 in Muncie; m. 5-10-1958 in Muncie

- JOHN ROBERT BURT b. 11-20-1936 at Muncie. He is foreman at the Chevrolet company. Address: 2210 W. 12th St., Muncie. No issue.
- B. REMA SMELSER b. 1-5-1908 in Delaware Co.; m. JOHN ZOOK, son of Charles and Naomi Zook. Occupation: buyer. Address: 606 Wayne Ave., Muncie
REMA (SMELSER) and JOHN ZOOK had issue:
1. JOHN JERRY ZOOK b. 5-1-1938 in Dela. Co.; d. 10-29-1960 at Waco, Texas. He m. 7-2-1960 VERA DYER.
 2. JANE LEE ANN ZOOK (twin) b. 6-4-1947 in Dela. Co.
 3. JEAN ELAINE ZOOK (twin) b. 6-4-1947 in Dela. Co.
- C. CARLTON CHRISTOPHER SMELSER b. 11-15-1910 in Dela. Co.; m. PAULINE CARMICHAEL d. 1947 from burns when an oil and gasoline tank exploded. Mr. Smelser is a farmer and lives at R.R. 4, Winchester, Ind. Mrs. Smelser was b. 2-25-1920 at Celina, O.; she d. 1-22-1947 at Portland, Ind.; buried at Hartford. She is the daughter of Nancy and Judd Carmichael. CARLTON CHRISTOPHER and PAULINE (CARMICHAEL) SMELSER'S issue:
1. BARBARA ROWANA SMELSER b. 2-3-1940 at Portland
 2. CARLTON LE ROY SMELSER b. 8-27-1941 at Portland
 3. JANET KAY SMELSER b. 8-28-1943 at Portland
 4. DICKIE LEE SMELSER b. 7-11-1945 at Portland
- D. MIRIAM MAY SMELSER b. 5-20-1913 in Dela. Co. She is a beauty operator and lives in Hartford City, Ind.
- E. VERNON R. SMELSER b. 11-8-1915 in Dela. Co. m. ETHEL MELICK b. 12-15-1920 at Hartford City, daughter of Christina and Raymond Melick. Mr. Smelser is a mechanical engineer for Warner Gear. Address: 1517 Cornell Ave., Muncie. VERNON R. and ETHEL (MELICK) SMELSER had issue:
1. PATRICIA ANN SMELSER b. 12-22-1937 in Muncie; m. LARRY RANDALL b. 2-8-1938 at Frankfort, Ind., son of Anna Bethel and Lloyd K. Randall. Larry is an experimental engineer. No issue. Address: S. Jefferson Street, Muncie.
 2. DONNALEA SMELSER b. 10-26-1939 in Hartford City; m. MICHAEL ZOLL b. 7-24-1941 at Muncie, son of Phyllis and Robert Zoll. Michael Zoll served in the U.S.N. No issue. Add: Muncie, Ind.
 3. RONALD DUANE SMELSER b. 8-28-1948 in Muncie
 4. STEPHEN ALLEN SMELSER b. 2-24-1952 at Muncie; d. 2-25-1952 at Muncie and is buried at Beech Grove Cemetery in Muncie.
- F. WARREN DUANE SMELSER b. 9-10-1920 in Dela. Co.; m. MARGARET HIMELICK. Address: 1810 N. Pauline Ave., Muncie, Ind. Issue:
1. ROSALIND K. SMELSER
 2. ROBERT SMELSER
- G. ALBERT SMELSER b. 5-26-1918 in Dela Co.; m. MARTHA HINKLE. Address: Hartford City. ALBERT and MARTHA (HINKLE) SMELSER had issue:
1. JENINE ELLEN SMELSER m. RONNIE STORMS. No issue. Add: Hartford
 2. BETTY SMELSER
 3. VIOLET SMELSER
 4. LOIS MARIE SMELSER
 5. TOMMY SMELSER
 6. DARRELL SMELSER
 7. CHRISTINE SMELSER
- II. GEORGE C. SMELSER b. 8-24-1883; m. RUTH DUNHAM 9-3-1905 in Dela. Co., Ind. Address: 812 Shipley Ave., Muncie, Ind. Issue:
1. MARTHA E. SMELSER b. 9-30-1915 in Delaware Co.

- III. LORENZO G. SMELSER b. ca 1876; buried at Beech Grove Cemetery in Muncie. He m. 12-12-1902 at Madison Co., Ind. ROSA GUNDY. Issue:
- A. MALE b. 7-22-1906 in Delaware Co.
- B. RUBY PEARL SMELSER b. 6-11-1912 in Dela. Co.; d. 10-12-1912 age 4 mos. and is buried at Beech Grove Cemetery.
- C. FEMALE b. 10-25-1903 in Delaware Co.
- D. MALE b. 1-29-1914 in Delaware Co.
- IV. FRANK SMELSER m. 10-5-1907 in Dela. Co. EMMA I. CHAPMAN. One informant indicated Frank had race horses; whereabouts unknown. Issue:
- A. VANCE SMELSER b. 11-18-1908 in Delaware Co.
- B. FAY E. SMELSER (twin) b. 2-15-1918 in Dela. Co.; d. 9-2-1918 Dela. Co.
- C. RAY D. SMELSER (twin) b. 2-15-1918 in Dela. Co.; d. 9-5-1918 Dela. Co.
- D. MALE b. 3-14-1920
- E. INEZ M. SMELSER b. 1-8-1915 in Delaware Co.
- V. DAISY SMELSER m. JAMES R. JOHNSON. Address: 1508 Stirling Dr., Muncie
- VI. ANNA M. SMELSER m. J. C. GILKERSON. Address: 1143 Glendora Ave., Oakland California.
- VII. CARRIE SMELSER m. (?) DAVE SHANNON. Address: 8088 Darrison Rd., Darrison, Michigan.

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MISCELLANEOUS DELAWARE COUNTY, INDIANA:

FRANK SMELSER m. 4-20-1877 in Delaware Co.

FRANK M. SMELSER m. ESTIE G. BRENTON. Issue: SARAH V. b. 12-17-1911 Dela. Co.

ADAM SMELSER m. 2-24-1851 in Dela. Co. MAHALIA ACORD

PETER SMELSER (SMELTZER) m. EMELLIA BROWN 8-29-1876 in Dela. Co. He lived in Mt. Pleasant Township of that county.

JULIA SMELSER m. 6-29-1872 in Dela. Co. HENRY NICKEL

J. F. SMELSER b. 1-12-1861 m. 4-28-1917 in Dela. Co. ABIGEAL DARLING

CAROL SMELSER b. 9-1-1890 m. 8-9-1913 in Dela. Co. CARL C. MAY

THOMPSON SMELLSER b. 1836 in Blackford Co.; m. 12-6-1858 in Dela. Co. ELIZABETH MC KINLEY. He was in the Civil War. (see pages 25, 26)

ADAM SMELSER d. 2-25-1895 in Dela. Co. He m. 12-21-1876 in Dela. Co. MARGARET HAWKINS

JULIA SMELSER m. 3-30-1904 in Dela. Co. JOHN FIGEL

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* *Mrs. Harold Oliver Smelser * *

* *deserves a special thanks for* *

* *assisting in the Christopher * *

* *Smelser line. * *

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. . .THE PIONEER with his permanent squint into tomorrow, where landscapes are a muted delight in the "pointillistic" detail of a Seurat canvas. . .



is a forerunner belonging to all ages.

I BRUISED MY HEART AGAINST APRIL

I bruised my heart against April
-- Her silver needles of rain
With lamb-cloud fleece new threaded
Were suture-stabs of pain.

On star-sapphire mornings
As bird jewel-songs awoke
Her beauty became a vibrant
Crystal that shivered -- and broke.

The caught blue shreds of veiling
Where lilac hedges part
Were snares which choked from singing
This captured wing, my heart.

And cut by the hoofs of racing
Antelope thunder-herds
The buds lay limp by the broken
Eggs of the ground-nest birds.

I bruised my heart against April,
Then -- April slipped away,
With laughter as slender as moonlight,
And left me alone -- with May!

Chapter 2: PETER SMELSER AND
HIS DESCENDANTS

- by Calla M. Petersen

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NOTE: The poet is a great-
great-granddaughter of Peter
and Susan (Lightfoot) Smelser

JOHN b. 1797 m.----- 'AMANDA E. b. 1823
 (1) MARY (POLLY) BOONE 'BOONE DE HAVEN b. 1824 m. MELISSA MORRIS
 (2) SARAH NORVILLE 'SMITH m. MARY SPARKS
 (3) MARY MOFFETT 'JAMES W.
 'MARY b. 1827
 'LOUISA m. HENRY MORRIS
 'MARTHA m. JOHN CASS
 'FRANKLIN b. 1831
 'NAME UNKNOWN
 'JOHN b. 1850 m. LYDIA AGNES MILLER
 'NANCY

PETER b. 1798 m. MARTHA----- 'MARY A/H b. 1820 m. JOHN M. KELLY
 MC CONNELL 'HENRY b. 1828 m. MARY A. WOLF
 'SUSAN CAROLINE b. 1833 m. ANDREW RICE
 'JOSEPH b. 1837 m. (1) FRANCINA WOOD and
 ' (2) NANCY ANN GOW
 'JONAS MARKEY (?)
 'JULIA

CATHERINE m. JOSEPH HUFFMAN

HENRY b. 1803 m. ELIZABETH-- 'JOSEPH BURTON b. 1829 m. EMILY DUKE TIPTON
 BRADSHAW (or BRANSHAM) 'JOHN b. 1831
 'MARY A. b. 1834 m. GUY MC CUNE
 'ADALINE b. 1836 m. JOHN WAT CALDWELL
 'MARGARET b. 1838 m. WILLIAM GIVENS
 'AMANDA B. b. 1841

JONAS MARKEE b. 1806 m.----- 'INFANT SON b. 1832
 (1) CALISTA DE LONG 'INFANT b. 1833
 (2) ELIZABETH _____ 'ELIZABETH b. 1833 m. REUBEN COOLEY
 'SUSAN b. 1836 m. ENOCH MILLER
 'CALISTA b. 1838
 'CATHERINE b. 1840
 'HENRY b. 1841
 'ELIZA b. 1842
 'OBED b. 1845 m. R. EVA SHIRIGLEY
 'AMANDA b. 1847 m. LEWIS ALLEN WILLIAMS
 'JOSEPH b. 1849
 'HORATIO b. 1851 m. (1) EMMA C. WILSON and
 ' (2) EMILIE CECILIE HENRICHSEN
 'INFANT SON b. 1854
 'NANCY b. 1855 m. (1) COLUMBUS HYDE
 ' (2) FRITZ O. MC KEE
 'LUCETTA b. 1858

JOSEPH

MARY/NANCY m. SIDENHAM----- 'THREE INFANTS, NAMES UNKNOWN
 TALBOTT 'SIDNEY MARKEE m. (1) JENNIE LONG
 ' (2) ELIZABETH DURR
 'SUSAN
 'JENNIE m. JAMES PERKINS

JAMES m. French Lady

ASTERS AT DUSK

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin has on record ("Persons who died during the year ending 1st June 1850, county of Grant, p. 396") the facts that PETER SMELSER, birthplace, Maryland, died in December (widower) after an illness of four days. He was a farmer. The following account of Peter's death appears in the Smelser history written by Obed Everett Smelser: "Old Peter Smelser came from Kentucky to live with his son Jonas. Perhaps Peter had come at the very first; I do not know. . .I remember the story of Peter's death. It was told me by Mary Jane (nee Carns) Brandon, who was of my father's generation. Smelser's Grove was the girlhood home of Mary Jane. Maybe it was her birthplace too; the Carns, I believe, were fairly early settlers there, as the Brandons certainly were. Peter died before Mary Jane was born -- she was born in 1850 -- but the story was still told in her girlhood. This is it:

"Peter in his old age was living on the farm of Jonas. He was demented, I suppose from senility. His greatest interest was in visiting Jonas's pigs. He made a practice of wandering among these compatible mentalities, holding mumbled conversations with them. He had to be watched, lest in his feebleness he get knocked over and injured by the porkers.

"On a Dec. 30th, which I still believe was in 1849 (and not in 1819 as his tombstone continues to allege) the Smelsers were gone from home, except Peter. Perhaps it was so cold they thought he would stay indoors. He did not. He took the occasion to make a call upon his comrades, the hogs; and died right there among them. The hogs ate into him.

"The Smelsers, upon their return, collected in a basket the nibbled remains of pig-eaten Pete, your ancestor and mine. They lie buried in the Smelser Cemetery at Georgetown, Wisconsin."

From all indications, Peter Smelser's wife, Susan Lightfoot, died in Kentucky. I do not know if he had other wives. PETER and SUSAN (LIGHTFOOT) SMELSER had issue I. JOHN SMELSER b. 1797; m. (1) MARY (POLLY) BOONE (2) SARAH NORVILLE (3) MARY MOFFETT.

WILL OF JOHN SMELSER, DECEASED

Record of the last Will and Testament of John Smelser deceased filed in the Clerk's office of the Rush Court of Common Pleas on 8th day of Oct. 1862 and these to wit: The last will and Testament of John Smelser of Rush County and State of Indiana: I John Smelser having in view the uncertainty of life and so being sound in Mind Memory and Judgment, do make this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills of me at any other time before made. In the first place, I command my soul to God who gave it trusting in his Mercy, and after My decease I desire that my funeral shall be conducted in a manner corresponding with My Estate and condition in life, and that the expenses of the same and of my last sickness shall be paid by My Executor out of the first Moneys which May come into his hands as soon after my decease as is consistent with the interest of My Estate, and as to the Estate both Real and Personal with which God has been pleased to interest Me, I dispose of in

the following manner, which is of the following description, 106 acres off of #
 # the East side of tract E q Sec. 20. T 14. R 10, and 60 Acres off of the S. #
 # End of the N. W. Qr. of same section Town & Range Making in all 166 Acres of #
 # which Estate Real I give and bequeath to My beloved Wife Sally and her two #
 # heirs John Smelser and Nancy Smelser, 45 acres off of the S. End of the first #
 # described lot in the N. E. qr. & the whole of the 60 acres in the second lot #
 # in the S. end of the N. W. qr. My said Wife to hold the same during her life #
 # if she so long remain My Widow. Otherwise during her Widowhood, and the fee #
 # simple of same to her above named heirs forever. It is my desire that the #
 # said land bequeathed to said heirs of My Wife shall remain unsold till the #
 # Youngest heir becomes of the age of 21 years, and at that time should My Wife #
 # desire & so long as she remains widow they may sell the same if they see prop-#
 # er, _____ that they apply proceeds to the purchase of new lands, and balance #
 # of my home farm 60 acres more or less on the North End joining Boon Smelser, #
 # I give and bequeath to my heirs of a former Wife, James W., Boon D., Louisa, #
 # _____ Franklin Smelser, and Josephine Cass, granddaughter, which they may keep #
 # four years after my decease injoying the rents and interest equally and at #
 # the expiration of which time I desire to be sold reserving an open Cart Way #
 # twelve feet wide on the West side out to the Blue River road, and divide the #
 # proceeds equally to the last named heirs, hereby reserving a family burying #
 # ground, and further that Executors reserve a sufficient Amount of Money out of#
 # the process of the sale of said land to erect a good substantial fence of post#
 # and plank, around the graves in said graveyard. On said tract one fourth Acre#
 # I give and bequeath to My beloved wife My household & Kitchen furniture with #
 # one Sugar Kettle, I also give My said Wife for here benefit and for the bene- #
 # fit of her heirs aforesaid one work horse of the value of 80 or 100 dollars, #
 # also two average cows and hogs with provisions for their use and their stock #
 # till they _____ #
 # Personal Estate, I desire that My Executor shall as soon as possible after my #
 # decease as convenient proceed to appraise and sell the same collecting the #
 # proceeds together with outstanding debts such as Moneys at interest &c out of #
 # which to pay all of My debts and expenses and purchase our Tombstone of the #
 # value of 20 or 25 dollars for Myself; desiring an additional inscription other#
 # than ordinary in these words, "A sinner saved by Grace" and of the residue of #
 # Moneys, I desire shall be divided the one half to the heirs by my former wife #
 # above named equally and one thirds of one half to my present Wife Sally, and #
 # the two thirds of one half to my heirs by my last Wife above named, desiring #
 # My Executors to loan out their said shares on interest, and applying the in- #
 # terest arising thereupon to their education and support till they are of law- #
 # ful age to receive the same, and also that My Executors shall loan out the #
 # share of My Granddaughter, Josephine Cass on interest, adding interest to #
 # principal successively till she shall become of lawful age to receive the #
 # same, and lastly: I hereby constitute and appoint my two sons James W and #
 # Boon D Smelser & Conrad Cline My Executors of this My last Will and Testament, #
 # In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed My name this 8th day of March #
 # 1859 #

John Smelser (SEAL)

Signed sealed published and declared by the Testator, as his last Will and #
 # testament in presence of us who sign our names as subscribing witnesses the #
 # day and year last aforesaid. #

[illegible]

JOHN SMELSER (appearing as "POTTER" JOHN on family chart in 1895) was b. 9-16-1797 in Ky.; d. 1862 age 65- -12, and is buried in family plot across from the Harve Smelser homestead in Rush Co., Ind. He m. (1) 5-20-1817 or 5-11-1819 at Bourbon Co., Ky. MARY (POLLY) BOONE, daughter of Jonathan Boone and niece of the famous pioneer Daniel Boone. She was b. 1-22-1797; d. 10-21-1840 age 43 yrs. and 29 days. She too is buried in the Smelser Burial Plot on the Vern Norris Farm, northeast of Rushville in Jackson Twp. James Boone was bondsman for the marriage. John Smelser m. (2) SARAH NORVILLE (3) MARY MOFFETT. John and Mary Smelser went to Rush Co. in 1824. The Rush Co. 1850 census lists John (age 52) as a farmer with financial worth of \$4800; Sally (age 38, born in Ohio) and two sons: Franklin (age 19, b. Ind.) and John (age 3 mos., b. Ind.). JOHN and MARY (BOONE) SMELSER had issue:

- A. AMANDA E. (or F.) SMELSER b. 1823; d. 8-31-1838 age 15-5-16. She is buried in the Smelser Plot on the Vern Norris Farm in Rush Co.
- B. BOONE DE HAVEN SMELSER b. 12-31-1824 in Union Co., Ind.; d. 9-29-1903 in Union Twp., Rush Co. He m. 8-20-1846 MELISSA JANE MORRIS b. 6-3-1829 in Ky.; d. 2-2-1885. The wedding was held at the Morris Homestead north of Rushville. Melissa Jane is the daughter of Mary and John Morris, Sr., the latter being b. 1799; d. 1883. She is the sister of Henry Morris who m. Louisa Smelser, sister of Boone DeHaven Smelser. Boone DeHaven was three weeks old when his family moved to Rush Co. from Ky. He was reared to manhood in the schools of Jackson Twp. He was a farmer and "at one time the owner of 600 acres of land in Jackson township. Selling that land, he bought 720 acres of land in Montgomery county which he operated for four years. He then went to Alabama, but a short time later he came back to Rush county and bought 160 acres in Union township, where he was engaged in farming up to the time of his retirement. He carried on general farming operations, giving special attention to the raising of wheat, and also raised considerable live stock."¹⁵ Boone DeHaven Smelser be-

longed to the Blue River Baptist Church where he was Clerk in 1862-75 at which time he and his wife asked for letters of demission and were granted. In 1870 Boone's real estate value is listed in the census record at \$19,100; his personal effects at \$3,300. Subject is a relative of the DeHaven family that loaned George Washington \$450,000 at Valley Forge to carry on the Revolutionary War. In his family history, Mr. Ross writes: "Great efforts were made to borrow money. . . Relief came at length by liberal contributions made by a few individuals. Jacob DeHaven among others, being appealed to for aid, nobly responded by advancing the Continental Government \$450,000.00 through Robert Morris, the financier of the Revolution, at the head of the government finances at the time. . . This was in 1777. The greater portion it is claimed was advanced in specie from cash realized from securities on his land, and residue consisted of supplies furnished the Army. The amount of the loan, with its accumulation of interest for more than a century and a quarter, now aggregates more than \$4,000,000."16

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Mr. Ross continues: "The government it is stated regularly acknowledged the Revolutionary loan of Jacob DeHaven at the time, and sometime afterward offered to reimburse him in Continental money (script) which he declined to accept because of the enormous depreciation of that currency. DeHaven failed in his efforts to secure a settlement during his lifetime because of the depleted condition of the National treasury, the government being unable for many years to meet even the interest on the public debt. Subsequently in the '50's of the last century, DeHaven's heirs prepared to present their claim before Congress and the effort for its recovery was in good shape when the Civil War broke out, and the chaotic condition of the government during that period prevented the claimants from effecting a return of the money. Again in the '70's a movement was inaugurated to effect a settlement of claim before Congress, but was afterwards abandoned because of the demands upon the treasury from other directions."17 BOONE DE HAVEN and MELISSA JANE (MORRIS) had issue:

1. JAMES MARSHALL SMELSER b. 4-10-1844 in Ind.; d. 1917. He m. (1) at Rush Co. HANNAH HACKLEMAN (2) ELIZABETH ANN GING b. 4-24-1855 in Rush Co.; d. 12-16-1889 at Orange Co., Ind. (3) LUELLA KNOBLETT at Wayne Co., Ind. James Marshall and Elizabeth (Ging) Smelser are buried at the Fairview, Indiana, Cemetery. Elizabeth Ann is the daughter of Mary Ellen (Waller) and Christian Andrew Ging who had a fruit farm at Ging's Station in Rush Co. Christian Ging is the son of William E. Ging b. in Cork, Ireland, who emigrated to America in August of 1834 and settled in Rush Co. Subject of sketch was Clerk at Little Blue River Baptist Church; 3-9-1901 he and his wife presented letters from East Fork Baptist Church and were received into full fellowship. James Marshall Smelser was an inventor (as was Boone DeHaven, his father), preacher, and pattern maker. James M's son, Roy Boone, says his father built the first wind stacker and the first rotary washing machine. JAMES MARSHALL and HANNAH (HACKLEMAN) SMELSER had issue:
 - a. DINNIE SMELSER (female)
 - b. LUTHER SMELSER who died in an auto race at Lorain, Ohio; he lived near Richmond, Ind.

JAMES MARSHALL and ELIZABETH ANN (GING) SMELSER had issue:

- c. INFANT DAUGHTER d. 7-3-1886 and is buried at Fairview Cemetery.
- d. LEAH SMELSER (twin) b. 4-23-1886 in Independence, Kansas; d. 9-7-1888 and is buried at Fairview Cemetery.
- e. LEE SMELSER (twin) b. 4-23-1886 in Independence; d. ca 1955 in Ind. and is buried at East Hill Cemetery at Rushville, Ind. He m. 3-17-1910 in Marion Co., Ind. LYDIA M. MEYER who lives in Williams, Ind., south of Bedford. LEE and LYDIA (MEYER) had issue:
 - i. ROBERT SMELSER a Campbellite minister who lives near Bedford. He m. (1) _____ who was killed in an auto accident (2) _____. Issue not known.
 - ii. JOHN SMELSER a Campbellite minister who m. in Bartholomew Co., Ind. _____ from Columbus, Ind. They had issue.
 - iii. FRANCES SMELSER b. 6-10-1915 in Marion Co., Ind. She is married and lives in Texas.
- f. LEROY BOONE SMELSER b. 8-30-1889 in Paoli (Orange Co.), Ind.; m. (1) 9-19-1913 in Clark Co., Ind. GRACE M. KENNEDY b. ca 1895 Div. (2) 1932 in Dayton, Tenn. KITTIE MAE GRAVITT b. 12-22-1896 in Dayton, Tenn., daughter of William Gravitt. My appreciation is extended to Mr. L. B. Smelser for his help re his immediate family. Address: 3544 Delphos Ave., Dayton 7, Ohio. LEROY BOONE and GRACE M. SMELSER had issue:
 - i. HELEN SMELSER m. DALLAS MANNING, a farmer. They live in Rushville and have a son and a daughter.
 - ii. MARIAN SMELSER m. PERCY HIOT who has a milk route. They live in Miami, Fla., and have a son in the U.S.N. Marian was a WAC. She is also a practical nurse. During her service with the James Cox family in Dayton (1940), Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt visited with the Cox family. As a function of her job, Marian waited table and was called upon to wash President Roosevelt's feet (he being an invalid, of course). During her employ as a domestic with the Green family (ten cent store chain), Marian (Smelser) Hiot witnessed the coronation of Queen Elizabeth.
 - iii. CHARLES MARSHALL SMELSER buried at Ben Davis Church Cem.
 - iv. CHARLENE SMELSER, R.N. m. AMOS CREPEAU of French descent. They were m. and still live in Great Falls, Montana. They have five children.
 - v. LEWIS SMELSER m. at Bodkins, Ohio ROSEMARY OTT an artist. Lewis is an architect and also sold real estate for some time. He was Chief Navy Officer for nine years, serving at Pearl Harbor. Address: Greene County, Ohio.

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- vi. SADIE SMELSER m. VERNON REHMERT. They live at 1619 Gonder Ave., Dayton, Ohio. No issue.
- vii. DUANE SMELSER m. 12-22-1960 in Dayton SHIRLEY PARSONS. They live in Dayton, Ohio.

JAMES MARSHALL and LUELLA (KNOBLETT) SMELSER had issue:

- g. GRACE SMELSER a pianist, who m. _____ a trombonist. She and her husband travelled a great deal. Grace used to play in the theatres during silent movies.
- 2. MARY E. SMELSER b. 8-25-1847/49 in Ind. She m. WILLIE SCOTT JAMES.
- 3. WILLIAM HARVE SMELSER b. 5-3-1851 in Jackson Twp., Rush Co.; d. 10-17-1927. He m. 9-24-1872 in Rush Co. SARAH ANN MARIA HINCHMAN b. 7-18-1851 in Rush Co.; d. 6-13-1934 in Rush Co. Both are buried at the East Hill Cemetery in Rushville. Sarah Ann is the daughter of Mary A. (Smelser) and Andrew Hinchman. Mary A. Smelser is the daughter of John and Abigail (Kiplinger) Smelser. Andrew Hinchman (b. 12-10-1819 in Va.; d. 1-8-1873) is the son of John H. and Nancy (Nickell) Hinchman or Margaret Simms. William Harve Smelser received his education in the common schools of Jackson Twp. He worked for his father on the home farm until his marriage, at which time he rented land for a number of years in Union Twp.; in 1900 he bought 110 acres of land in Noble Township. "He has placed all of the improvements on this place and has always maintained it in the best possible condition and has met with excellent success in his operations. Besides carrying on a general line of farming, he feeds from fifty to sixty hogs a year, giving special preference to the Poland China breed."18 Issue:
 - a. CORA DELIA SMELSER b. 2-15-1875 in Rush Co.; d. 4-19-1957 in Shelbyville, Ind. She m. ORLA D. GREEN b. 1-23-1868; d. 3-26-1939. CORA DELIA (SMELSER) and ORLA D. GREEN had issue:
 - i. MARIE GREEN b. 11-19-1894. She m. _____ HOLDEN. Address: R.R. 1, Manilla, Ind.
 - ii. MAUDE GREEN b. 2-27-1896. She m. _____ O'DELL. Address: R.R. 3, Shelbyville, Ind.
 - iii. FANNIE GREEN b. August, 1897; d. August, 1899.
 - iv. EARL GREEN b. 12-14-1908. Address: 157 W. Hendricks St., Shelbyville, Ind.
 - v. FRANK GREEN b. 1899 at Columbus, Ind. He operates Greens' Jewelry Store on S. Market St., Columbus. Address: 807 Third Street, Columbus, Ind.
 - vi. ANNA GREEN b. Sept., 1900; d. 12-22-1933.
 - vii. FLORENCE GREEN b. 3-9-1902. She m. _____ BASSETT, deceased Address for Mrs. Bassett: 1406 S. Harrison, Shelbyville.
 - viii. RUTH GREEN b. 8-6-1906; d. 8-11-1906.
 - ix. HARVEY GREEN b. 3-1-1916. Address: 1162 Mozart Drive, Kirkwood 2 (St. Louis), Missouri.
 - b. WILLIAM A. SMELSER b. 9-13-1876 in Rush Co.; d. 12-13-1881. He is buried in the Hinchman Cemetery, Union Twp., Rush Co., Ind.
 - c. CHARLES J. SMELSER b. 10-11-1881 in Rush Co.; d. Jan., 1940. He m. BLANCHE ARMSTRONG b. 1890. Charles J. Smelser is buried at

- the East Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Smelser lives in Indianapolis, Ind. There were no issue.
- d. ALBERT SMELSER b. 10-13-1884 in Rush Co. (Book 1, p. 153) m. 3-25-1915 at Bartholomew Co., Ind. (Book H-8, p. 114) GEORGIA OPAL SIMS. Address: 1119 Central Ave., Columbus, Ind. Issue:
 - i. FAY MAXINE SMELSER b. 1-26-1919 at Bartholomew Co., Ind.
 - ii. GEORGE LEE SMELSER b. 10-24-1924; died at birth.
 - e. CHESTER EMERSON SMELSER (twin) b. 12-24-1887 in Rush Co.; m. 11-23-1911 at Carthage, Ind. (Methodist Church, with the Rev. Wilson officiating) BESSIE H. SMITH. Chester E. Smelser is a watchmaker and lives at 151 Second Street, Shelbyville, Ind. Issue:
 - i. MARY JOSEPHINE SMELSER b. 5-8-1913 at Bicknell, Ind. She m. LATSHAW. Address: Bloomington, Ind.
 - ii. ROBERT EMERSON SMELSER b. 6-30-1914 (Book CH-4, p. 50 for Shelbyville); d. of pneumonia (Shelby Co.) 12-28-1914.
 - f. CHASE DILLON SMELSER (twin) b. 12-24-1887 in Rush Co.; m. (1) 12-24-1918 at Indianapolis HAZEL DELL NEFF b. 3-5-1886 in Plymouth, Ind.; d. 9-24-1942 in South Bend, Ind. She died from a stroke of apoplexy.¹⁹ Hazel Dell (Neff) Smelser is the daughter of George and Susan (Hartel) Neff. Mrs. Smelser "gained wide recognition by her musical and literary talents. She was a pianist, writer, lecturer, choral director and concert singer, having concertized in the United States, Panama and abroad. She was formerly district president of the Indiana Federation of Music Clubs, member of American Opera Society, Chicago Artists' Assn., Daughters of the American Revolution, Tri Kappa Sorority, Business and Professional Women's Club and the Progress Club of South Bend, Ind. She founded the Fine Arts School of South Bend, which she sold some time ago, but was still connected with it as an instructor at the time of her passing."²⁰ The Christian Science funeral services were held at the Orvis Funeral Home in South Bend and the burial was at St. Joseph Valley Memorial Cemetery at South Bend. Chase D. Smelser m. (2) 1944 DOLLY DOOLEY b. 10-11-1893 at Waveland, Ind., daughter of Joseph and Ada (Mayes) Doolley. She is descended from Moses Dooley, an early settler on Upper Paint Creek, Preble Co., Ohio, in 1805; and Robert F. Mayes (b. 1809 in N.C.) of Spartanberg, S.C., and Dorcas Jackson who is related to President Andrew Jackson. Robert and Dorcas Mayes were early settlers in Darke Co., Ind. Dolly (Dooley) Smelser m. (1) Benton Browne in 1911. Mr. Browne d 1919. She has a daughter, Evelyn Yetive. Mrs. Dolly Smelser is a member of the Republican Party (now serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the Cass Co., Mich., Republican Women's Club) & president of the Edwardsburg, Mich., Business and Professional Women's Club. Her business contacts have included ex-President Dwight D. Eisenhower, ex-Vice President Richard Nixon, and many congressmen. Her hobbies include bridge and gardening. She is an active partner in the Smelser Ready Mix Concrete business in Mishawaka, Ind. Chase Smelser received his B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1911 from Purdue University and C.E. in Civil Engineering in 1916, Purdue U. He worked for the New York Central Railway 1911-12 as Civil Engr.

and 1912-13 for Civil Interstate Commerce. From 1914-17 he was Engineer and Surveyor for the Marshall Co. of Ind. Mr. Smelser has been self-employed since 1917; 1917-44 in highway and bridge construction and 1944-58, the Smelser Ready Mix & Sand & Gravel Plants. Retired. Hobbies: civic projects and politics. He was Township Trustee in 1959 for Edwardsburg, Ontwa Twp. He is a member of the Purdue Alumni Assn., Professional Engineers, and Delta Upsilon fraternity. In 1916-26 he was usher for Christian Science Church at Plymouth, Ind. Chase Dillon Smelser includes among his many inventions stoker controls, overhead garage doors and lawnmower for terraces. I am deeply indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Smelser for their enthusiasm and encouragement re the family genealogy. Address: 501 W. Main St., Pleasant Lake, Edwardsburg.

4. MARTHA J. SMELSER b. 7-17-1853 in Ind.; m. WILL COWAN. They had at least one child.
 - a. ELLA COWAN m. RODNEY BEAVER. Issue:
 - i. MARY BEAVER a retired schoolteacher living at 924 King Street, Lafayette, Ind.
 - ii. MABEL BEAVER a retired schoolteacher, same address.
5. MISSOURI FANNIE SMELSER b. 9-29-1856 in Ind. She m. JAMES EMMERSON ('MOSE') HINCHMAN d. ca 1930.
6. LAURA JOSEPH SMELSER b. 1-11-1859 in Ind. She m. THEODORE C. REES of Rush Co., b. 1854; d. 1929; buried at the Fairview Cemetery. He operated a hotel at Glenwood, Ind., for awhile. Issue:
 - a. RUBY REES m. EMORY PUTMAN in Glenwood. He operated a reduction factory in Muncie, Ind. RUBY and EMORY had issue:
 - i. DOROTHY PUTMAN
 - b. JOHN REES m. GERTIE _____ in Glenwood. Moved to Detroit.
 - c. FERN REES m. HUGH BANKS at Glenwood.
 - d. LOWELL REES b. 9-3-1876; d. 11-28-1888; buried at Fairview.
7. MANDA LOU SMELSER b. 7-17-1861 in Ind.; d. 12-31-1877.
8. JOHN F. SMELSER b. 5-22-1863 at Rush Co.; d. 12-8-1932 age 70. He m. IDA MINERVA BOWLES b. 1871 at Knightstown (Henry Co.), Ind. and d. 6-7-1941; buried beside her husband at the mausoleum in Connersville, Ind. She is the daughter of Henry Bowles of Rush Co. I am grateful to Mrs. Chase Smelser who forwarded to me the following newspaper account, "REMINISCENCES," by John F. Joyce. (Printed by permission.)

"The death of John Smelser last week recalls days of long ago when the Hinchman-Smelser Sextet was in great demand as musicians at social gatherings, picnics and literaries -- two Hinchmans and four Smelsers, made up the full band. At times they served in triplets, quartets, quintets and sextets or the full band. Not a grouch in the bunch and their repertoire ranged from 'Coon Dog' to the 'Marselaise.' The leader of that band -- James E. (Emmerson) Hinchman died in Rushville several years ago. His wife, Fannie (Smelser) Hinchman was a 'second' without peer. Mose, as Emmerson was nick-named, after the jolly old blacksmith, Moses Reel, located just west of Sexton, was principal 'lead' with the violin, 'seconded' by John, Bert, and Ed Smelser on bass viol or 'fiddle.'

"Charles Hinchman, brother of Emmerson, was a fine violinist and played all parts

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"with equal grace. By name there were three Hinchmans and three Smelsers. The Smelsers were children of Boone DeHaven Smelser and wife, Melissa Morris. The Hinchmans were the children of Andrew and Mary Hinchman of old Virginia stock. Of that famous 'string band' three yet survive, namely: Charles Hinchman of Kansas City and Bert and Ed Smelser, Bert at Anderson and Ed at Greenfield.

"The Smelsers were of Kentucky stock and at one time John, father of Boone D. Smelser, Sr., owned a vast body of land. As school children the two families attended school at the Norris school house, once a famed meeting place where nearly sixty years ago I heard 'canned' music. For my friend John Smelser, celestial music is now I hope around and about him. Of those two families it would be impossible to find a group of children more lovable, good natured and kind.

"Always cheerful and friendly among themselves and all they met. It used to be said that 'you could not kick a Hinchman into a fight,' but I would not advise any one to try that experiment on a Smelser. There are exceptions, however, in most cases. The late Henry O'Neil worked as a farm hand for John T. Hinchman in the seventies and one morning John T., got the idea in his head that he could lick any Irishman he ever saw, but when he got through with it, he could not see for a week. Henry, of course, thought their relations and friendship at an end, but when Henry failed to show up the next morning John T. went after him and told him he could not get along without him and to pay no attention to a little thing like that, but go on with his work as usual -- that he (John T.) caused it -- thought he was the best man, but was fully persuaded that he had made a mistake. They were ever afterwards the best of friends.

"During the Civil War the 'Jeff' depot was a great battle ground and it is said Harry O'Neil was a few times 'pushed' in the ring but never was second best. And yet he was one of the kindest of men, jolly, good-natured and sociable. His grandson, Henry, the blacksmith, is a fair sample of the elder Henry's physique and good nature, and as a young man learned, a few years ago, at the Innis-Pearce factory, he can handle his 'dukes.'

"Boone D. Smelser and wife were the parents of six children, William H. (Harve), Laura (who married Theodore Rees - now dead), Edward, Bert and Sarah Hinchman, daughter of Andy and Mary Hinchman and they became the parents of Cora, Charley, Albert, Chester and Chase. Cora married Orla D. Green and they have seven children: Marie, Maud, Anna, Florence, Frank, Earl, Harvey. Albert married Opal Sims and they have one child, Maxine. Chester married Bessie Smith and they have one child, Josephine. The Smelsers were Kentucky Democrats but never hunted an office.

"The Andy Hinchman family consisted of Rufus, Sarah, James E., Charles and Cary, who became a doctor and died in Michigan a few years ago. The north branch of the cyclone of June 14, 1880 carried away Rufus Hinchman's house in which at the time were his wife and daughter who were almost miraculously saved from death although covered with brick from the chimney. This house stood, where now stands the home of Frank Billings in Union township near where stood the Black school house.

"The south wing of this storm will not soon be forgotten by the survivor along

"its path. We then lived on the farm near Perkin's Corner, owned at his death by the late 'Nine' Amos, and upon which at that time stood a magnificent natural forest. After the storm it was in inextricable tangle of lumber blown down in every direction as the wind traveled in cyclonic fashion, in a circle, more than 80 head of livestock, horses, cattle and hogs, were pasturing in that woods, at the time and not a dead animal was found afterward.

"The stately old brick house, still standing and of the Mansford style, suffers no loss, save a large chimney on the south side, which crashed through the roof. The Pleasant Run School house which stood near, was unroofed and across the road the house of Henry Perkins was ruined. Moving east by south, the storm missed New Salem but killed a Mr. Williams and wife just south of town. The force of the wind was lost among the hills near the Ohio state line. When? Flay Day, 1880.

"The Smelser mills were builded by John Smelser in 1822-23 and for years it was the most popular mill in Rush county. For years before this date and long after the Civil War a store stood near the old mill site. The land for miles around had been entered and that part of Union township was rapidly settled -- not, however, as early as the Stringtown neighborhood, where the Hinchmans and Grays settled early and many of their descendants still remain.

"The late Hon. Jesse J. Smelser, once representative for Rush county in state legislature, was a son of the late Jake Smelser, who entered and owned so much land along what is now State Road 3. His heirs still hold possession of a large tract, now occupied by 'Bake' McBride, which for years was the home of Jesse J. Smelser. In early days the house faced west, toward State Road 3, but was turned to face north by Mr. Smelser. The place was much improved at that time.

"Mr. Smelser left no direct heirs and 'strangers' take the kinsman's place 'round many a festal board.' One thing readily called to the attention of anyone who came in contact with a Smelser, and that was their unobtrusiveness and mental powers. Boone Smelser was a man well versed in astronomy of that day, as well as the history of past historical events.

"Jessie J. Smelser could give no excuse for existence until you engaged him in conversation, when his face beamed intelligence and his genial good nature and deep thinking attracted attention. Not much of his vast acreage was cropped but he yearly turned out large herds of beef cattle. He gave little attention to other stock.

"Like many other families, the name is now an unknown quantity where it was once so familiar. The children of Harve Smelser are now the only direct descendants of their ancestors, who in early days settled and cleared the country.

"Contiguous to the Smelser land was John Bell with his many sons, and, aside from Fred Bell, not another of the name occupies their 'native land.' This too, is true of the Hamiltons who joined the Bells on the west, while on the east the Ertels represented by a son of Philip and Charles Ertel.

"The house in which I write was built in 1849 by one John Sarks and at that time faced the Indian trail, which then ran from Connersville to Anderson, portions of

"which trail still remain. It crossed Flat Rock at Smelser's mill and in a northwest course ran direct to Knightstown, but was straightened in this section, for most of the way, in the early 50's.

"But with all the changes that have come, with the passing years, the well known cheery voice of a departed friend, in retrospection, brings us the sombre thought that man to die and 'it is only the wink of an eye, the draught of a breath, from the blossom of helath to the paleness of death.'

"John F. Smelser was a man who made and held friends as he walked the earth and will be sadly missed by those who knew and loved him. May Heaven comfort and provide for those he loved and at last when 'life's fitful fever' is past, unite them again where bliss is unending."²¹

JOHN F. and IDA MINERVA (BOWLES) SMELSER had issue:

- a. HERMAN WAYNE SMELSER b. 9-4-1891 in Union Twp., Rush Co., Ind.; d. 5-29-1959 at Connersville, Ind. He is buried in the Connersville mausoleum. He m. 10-8/18-1917 FRANCES HAZEL SHERA b. in Franklin Co., Ind. She is the daughter of Clinton P. (or Eliot?) and Sallie (Bennett) Shera of Franklin Co. Her father was b. on a farm near Laurel. This farm he operated all his life, as had his father before him. Clinton P. d. in 1946. Herman Wayne is included in the book, Indiana - One Hundred and Fifty Years of American Development by Charles Roll (p. 125) and is extensively written about in the volume, Indiana from Frontier to Industrial Commonwealth Family and Personal History: "Herman Wayne Smelser, M.D. - Whether in medicine or in civic affairs, Dr. Herman Wayne Smelser has throughout his adult life devoted his energies and skills to human welfare. As a physician and surgeon, he specialized in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, maintaining offices at 823 Central Avenue, Connersville. He is an ardent proponent of preventive medicine and as such served as health officer of both the city of Connersville and Fayette County. In addition, he is a former county coroner. Education and service club activities are among other fields in which he has built a reputation.

". . .He took the degrees of Bachelor of Science at Indiana University in 1914 and Doctor of Medicine in 1916. His year's internship was spent at Deaconess Hospital, Indianapolis, and his first year's practice, as general practitioner, in Connersville. In 1918 he left his work to accept a commission as first lieutenant in the United States Army. He served in Europe with the American Expeditionary Forces through the remainder of World War I and into part of the postwar period; altogether he was overseas ten months. In August 1919 he received his honorable discharge and, returning at once to Connersville, resumed his practice. Though general medicine continued his field, his interest in the eye, ear, nose and throat as specialties kept growing, and in September 1945 he went to New York to do special graduate work in the New York Polyclinic in otorhinolaryngology and ophthalmology.

". . .His public interest was recognized when he was made health officer for the municipality. . .He is now secretary of the Connersville Board of Education and is on the board of trustees of the Fayette Memorial Hospital in Connersville. Past president of the Lions Club of Connersville, he has also served as deputy district governor of Lions International. He is a member of various medical associations and also Phi Chi, the medical fraternity, his social fraternity being Delta Upsilon. He is a charter member of the Connersville Country Club and is also affiliated with various bodies of the Masonic order, including the York and Scottish Rite and the Order of the Eastern Star and the holder of the Thirty-second degree, of Murat Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Indianapolis; with the Connersville lodges, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Loyal Eagles, and also with the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He worships in the Christian Church and is a Democrat. Golf is his favorite sport and real estate transactions are his hobby. He recently started Hill Top Lodge in Fayette Co. . . ."22 Herman Wayne Smelser, M.D., attended Earlham College for six months in 1914. He enlisted in the Medical Corps 10-6-1917 and was stationed at Camp Taylor, Ky., at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, and Camp Meade, Md. Issue:

i. WAYNE HAROLD SMELSER b. 9-26-1920; m. ETHEL MARIE PORTER, daughter of Dudley Porter, one time president and manager of the Carter Paint Company in Liberty, Ind. Ethel Marie (Porter) Smelser received her A.B. in 1943 from Earlham C. Wayne H. Smelser received his A.B. in 1942 from Earlham. Immediately upon graduating, he went into the U.S.A.A.F., W.W.II. He became a blimp pilot and served in South America and on the American east coast. He is an officer in the Air Force Reserve. He is an executive of the Carter Paint Co. Address: Liberty, Ind. Issue:

i. TODD SMELSER b. 1947

ii. PHYLLIS JANE SMELSER b. 9-6-1925 m. PAUL E. Smith of Bainbridge, Ind. Phyllis Jane received her A.B. in 1946 from Earlham College. Her husband received his B.S. from Purdue University and M.S. from the University of Tennessee. He served as an instructor in the southern university for three years. He was a pilot in W.W.II, U.S.A.F., and was in command of a B-29 which was shot down by the Nazis in Bavaria, and was a prisoner for 4½ mos. Mr. Smith is a large stock farmer who specializes in purebred Hereford cattle. Address: R.R. 1, Bainbridge. Issue:

i. DEBORAH SMITH b. 1947

ii. CAROLINE SMITH b. 1949

iii. BRIAN SMITH b. 1954

b. GLEN SMELSER b. 2-23-1896; m. 11-30-1922 LOIS MILLIKEN b. 1904. Address: Central Lake, Michigan. No issue.

9. EDWARD SMELSER b. 12-25-1865; d. 1-28-1943. He m. 9-13-1888 EVA S. WARRICK b. 1-23-1869; d. 3-30-1934. They lived (1932) in Greenfield, Ind. Eva Warrick is the daughter of James (b. 12-13-1846; d. 2-20-

- 1924) and Amanda (Bowles) Warrick, b. 8-7-1849; d. 1-2-1930. Issue:
- a. ETHEL SMELSER b. 8-6-1889 in Union Twp., Rush Co. (Book 2, p. 34) and d. 12-27-1901.
 - b. GIULIA VALDA SMELSER b. 12-13-1894 in Rush Co. m. (1) by a Baptist minister in Detroit WALTER H. COCHRAN d. 10-11-1939 (2) 6-26-1942 in Chicago (by Oscar F. Nelson, Judge of Superior Court) EDWARD F. KAUL d. 2-2-1950. Giulia (Smelser) Kaul was President of the Kenwood Women's Club 1939-40. She travelled in Hawaii in 1954. Address: 15765 Evergreen Rd., Detroit. Issue:
 - i. GENE SHETTLER COCHRAN b. 1-5-1926 in Detroit m. (2) in Detroit 2-27-1955 MITCHELL TENDLER. Address: 18718 Hartwell Street, Detroit 35, Mich. Issue:
 - i. MAREN ELIZABETH TENDLER b. 9-9-1950 in Detroit.
 - ii. WALTER CONRAD TENDLER b. 9-17-1956 in Detroit.
 - c. WILMA A. SMELSER b. 10-11-1896 in Rush Co.; m. _____ DAVIDSON. Address: 2889 Wackerly Rd., Midland, Mich.
 - d. LYLE FLOYD SMELSER b. 7-6-1900 in Rush Co.; d. 12-24-1901.
 - e. AUDREY H. SMELSER b. 7-10-1902 in Rush Co.; m. _____ REEVES. Add: 637 S. Brook, Greenfield, Ind.
 - f. THELMA L. SMELSER b. 9-21-1903 in Greenfield; m. _____ WALKER. Address: 836 W. Creighton, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
 - g. JAMES C. SMELSER b. 8-10-1905 near Huntington, Ind. Address: 14926 Winthrop Ave., Detroit 27, Mich.
10. FRANK SMELSER b. 1868/69 in Ind.
11. ALBERT S. SMELSER b. 1869 in Ind.; d. Aug., 1941 age 72, and was buried 8-11-1941 in Sect. 12 of Maplewood Cemetery, Anderson, Ind. He m. TINA BITTNER b. 1869; d. 11-1955 age 86. She was buried on 11-18-1955 beside her husband. ALBERT S. and TINA (BITTNER) SMELSER'S chn:
- a. IRA V. SMELSER b. 1896; d. at Anderson, Ind. (Madison Co.) 2-23-1920 (Book CH 11, p. 28). He m. ALMA WITT. Ira V. Smelser is buried in Sect. 12 at Maplewood Cemetery. Mrs. Smelser m. (2) _____. IRA V. and ALMA (WITT) SMELSER had issue:
 - i. WELDON S. SMELSER b. 3-22-1915 in Madison Co.
 - ii. WALTER B. SMELSER b. 7-12-1919 in Madison Co. The brothers live in Anderson, Ind.
- C. SMITH SMELSER b. in Union Co., Ind.; d. 1-29-1911 in Wayne Twp., Huntington Co., Ind. He m. in Rush Co. MARY SPARKS b. 10-25-1829 in Rush Co.; d. 1-20-1916 age 86 in Huntington Co. She is the daughter of Elizabeth (Harlan) and Elder John Sparks, a Baptist minister. John and Elizabeth Sparks went to Rush Co. and then to Wabash Co. in 1851. John died there 3-8-1863 (he was b. at LaFontaine). Elizabeth was b. 12-6-1806 and d. 9-19-1879. Both are buried in Wabash Co. In 1853 Smith and Mary (Sparks) Smelser went to Huntington Co. and settled in Wayne Twp. on a farm, where he followed agricultural pursuits and became one of the substantial men of his community. He was also a teacher. He was a Baptist and a Democrat. SMITH and MARY (SPARKS) SMELSER had issue:
1. JOHN SMELSER who lived in Banquo, Ind.
 2. ALBERT SMELSER who lived in Michigan. It is not known that the following are the wife and offspring of Albert Smelser, son of Smith, but based on the fact that this branch of the family did live in Huntington Co., the following names and dates are submitted from co.

records:

ALBERT SMELSER m. LILLIAN CHURCH. Issue:

- a. MABEL SMELSER b. 1881 m. 11-18-1903 in Huntington Co. (Book A-6, p. 23)
- b. CLINTON SMELSER b. 1882 m. in Huntington Co. 8-4-1904 (Book A-6, p. 34)
- c. ROSCOE C. SMELSER b. 1889 m. in Hunt. Co. 1-25-1913 (Bk. A-10,9.)
3. FRANK SMELSER b. 10-16-1858 in Wayne Twp., Huntington Co. He m. 1-11-1880 BESSIE KINDLER b. 1856 in Fairfield, Ohio, the daughter of Adam Kindler, who came to Indiana in 1870. Frank Smelser was among the prominent residents of Wayne Twp.; a general farmer and breeder of livestock. "A monument to his labors is the South Elkhorn Stock Farm a tract of 192 acres located at Banquo, Indiana."²³ He received his education in the common schools. He was a Democrat, and was elected township trustee, but declined to serve, "preferring to contribute to his community's welfare rather as a public-spirited citizen than as an official."²⁴ He was a breeder of fast race horses, one mare, "Lady Costes", having a mark of 2:20. FRANK and BESSIE had issue:
 - a. CHILD who died age four.
 - b. GOLDIE SMELSER, daughter of CHARLES H. SMELSER and SARAH MOORE, whom they reared. (see below)
4. CHARLES H. SMELSER b. 12-5-1863; m. 12-26-1885 SARAH MOORE d. 7-22-1880 in Huntington, Ind., age 23. Charles H. Smelser spent four yrs. on a farm in Wabash Co. and the rest in Huntington Co., where he owned 128 acres in sect. 21. He was a Democrat and was active in local and county politics. CHARLES H. and SARAH (MOORE) SMELSER's issue:
 - a. GOLDIE G. SMELSER b. 1886; m. 8-25-1906 JAMES L. GOFF a farmer b. Jefferson Twp., Huntington Co. Goldie (Smelser) Goff was reared by her aunt and uncle, Frank and Bessie Smelser. Issue:
 - i. ELIZABETH J. GOFF b. 9-21-1907
 - b. ROGER M. SMELSER b. 5-29-1889; m. EDNA M. CHARLES, daughter of John and Phronia (Everson) Charles.

NOTE: It is not known at this writing who the below individuals are. They are included in this space because of their being in Huntington Co.

ABRAHAM SMELTZER m. EVA LAUDEMAN. Issue:

1. DORA SMELTZER b. 1880 m. in Huntington 7-28-1902 (Book A-6, p. 4)
2. FRANK J. SMELTZER b. 1876; m. in Huntington Co. 9-25-1901 (Book A-5, p. 28)

5. J. S. H. SMELSER, M.D. who practiced medicine in Oklahoma.
- D. JAMES W. SMELSER
- E. MARY SMELSER d. 2-21-1840 age 13 yrs. 1 mo. She is buried in the Smelser Plot on the Vern Norris farm.
- F. LOUISA SMELSER m. HENRY MORRIS son of John Morris, Sr., who was b. 1799 and d. 1883. Henry Morris is the brother of Melissa Morris who m. Boone DeHaven Smelser, brother to Louisa. Henry Morris, b. 1848, was a farmer in Rushville. In 1880 his wife was deceased, and the census record lists America age 20 and Minnie age 2/12. LOUISA and HENRY MORRIS had issue:
 1. AMERICA MORRIS m. _____ BLACK
 2. AMANDA MORRIS m. H. WASSON
 3. MOLLY MORRIS

4. FANNIE MORRIS
5. GRACE MORRIS
6. HARVEY MORRIS
7. ED MORRIS

G. MARTHA SMELSER m. _____ CASS. There is a marriage record in Hancock Co., Ind. (Book C 3, p. 63) for Mary Smelser and John Cass. Apparently they are the same individuals as subjects, for several of the children of Martha's brother, Boone, were b. and lived in Hancock Co., which adjoins Rush Co. at the northwest corner of the latter. Issue:

1. JOSEPHINE CASS

H. FRANKLIN SMELSER b. 1831 in Ind.

I. NAME UNKNOWN

JOHN and SARAH (NORVILLE) SMELSER had issue:

J. JOHN SMELSER b. 3-1-1850 in Rushville; d. 2-23-1936. He m. 3-25-1875 in Lawrence (Linwood?), Kans. LYDIA AGNES MILLER b. 12-26-1855; d. 5-28-1933. Lydia Miller is the daughter of August Miller (b. 9-17-1827 in Stokes Co., N.C.; d. 5-10-1888) and Elizabeth (Harden) Miller b. 3-15-1834; d. 1-7-1926 in Lawrence, Kans. August Miller is the son of Lydia (Styres) b. 7-7-1805 in N.C.; d. 4-29-1884 in Lawrence and David Miller b. 7-4-1805 in N.C.; d. 8-21-1891 in Lawrence. JOHN and LYDIA'S issue:

1. TROY ELLIS SMELSER b. 5-15-1875 in Kans.; d. 3-26-1956. He m. 4-25-1900 EMMA HARMON b. 9-10-1876 at Circleville, Ohio. She is still living. Emma is the daughter of John and Lydia Jane (Sullivan) Harmon. John Harmon was b. 5-23-1845 at Kingston, Ohio; d. 6-24-1924 in Kans. Lydia Jane was b. 1855 in Kingston; d. 3-14-1914. They were m. 10-10-1875 in Kingston. TROY ELLIS and EMMA had issue:
 - a. RUTH SMELSER b. 9-10-1903 at Linwood, Kans. Address: 15804 4th Ave. S.W., Seattle 66, Wash.
 - b. MARIE LUCILLE SMELSER b. 2-20-1906 at Lawrence. She received her A.B. in Education in 1936 from Colorado College of Education and A.M. in 1952 from University of Denver. She has attended U. of Oslo, U. of Colorado and U. of Southern California. She is an elementary school teacher in Denver and is a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club, Colorado Education Assn. and N.E.A. She has travelled in Hawaii (1957), Alaska, Norway (1955) and Western Europe (1951). Address: 501 Garfield, Apt. 205, Denver 6, Colorado.
 - c. MAE SMELSER b. 2-10-1911 at Lawrence. She m. _____ CHIRBEY and lives in Beulah, Colorado.
 - d. EVELYN LOUISE SMELSER b. 11-17-1908 near Linwood. She m. 8-16-1933 at Syracuse, Kans. (Methodist Church) JOE M. CASAZZA. No issue. Address: Fort Lyon, Colo. Evelyn is a member of the Las Animas B & P W Club and the American Legion Auxiliary. Her hobbies are stamp and coin collecting. She has been employed since 1931 at the V.A. Hospital in Fort Lyon as secretary to the manager. Address: Fort Lyon, Colorado.

II. PETER SMELSER b. December, 1798 in Bourbon Co., Ky.; d. January, 1848. He m. 1826 in Bourbon Co. MARTHA MC CONNELL b. 1809 in Ky. She is the daughter of a Kentucky family. It is believed Peter Smelser went to Ralls Co., Mo. in 1839. As it will be noted later in this chapter, there is a census record for a Peter Smelser for 1840, also Ralls Co., and that a Peter Smelser

bought land from GEORGE SMELSER in 1829, Madison Co., Ill. At this writing it is not known if these Peter Smelsers are the same man. . .if they are, it is obvious that our subject moved to Missouri ahead of his family.

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551-556 Smelser, Martha	41	Ky.	The census indicates that Henry and Mary were the only children living at home with Peter's widow, Martha.
Henry	22	Ky.	
Mary A/H	20	Ky.	
Rice, Susan E.	17	Ky.	
Joseph	12	Mo.	
Andrew J.	30	Ky.	

PETER and MARTHA (MC CONNELL) SMELSER had issue:

- A. HENRY SMELSER b. 1828 in Bourbon Co., Ky.; d. 8-15-1852 at Ralls Co. He m. in Missouri 2-15-1852 MARY A. WOLF of Ralls Co. She d. 1852 in Ralls Co. There were no issue.
- B. MARY A/H SMELSER b. 1830 in Ky.; m. JOHN M. KELLY who d. 5-22-1881 at Willows, Calif. John Kelly was a State Senator of California. He arrived in Calif. in 1849. He served in the State Assembly. A bio on pp. 103-04 (which I have not seen) of Biographical Sketches of the Delegates to the Convention to Form a New Constitution for the State of California, 1878, edited and published by T.J. Vivian and D. G. Waldron (San Francisco: Francis & Valentine, 1878) would give more details about the family. MARY (SMELSER) and JOHN M. KELLY had issue:
 1. B. H. KELLY
 2. MARTHA KELLY
 3. MARSHALL KELLY
- C. SUSAN CAROLINE SMELSER b. 1833 in Ky.; m. 11-16-1848 ANDREW J. RICE who d. at the age of 93. They both d. in Ralls Co. within 30 days of each other. Mr. Rice was probably m. once before and had a son, Joseph. According to Mr. Carl Arthur Smelser, SUSAN CAROLINE and ANDREW had issue:
 1. GEORGE P. RICE
 2. JOSEPHINE RICE
 3. JOHN RICE
 4. MOLLIE RICE
 5. ROY RICE
 6. RHODA RICE
- D. JONAS MARKEY SMELSER (?)
- E. JULIA SMELSER
- F. JOSEPH SMELSER b. 6-28-1837 in Bourbon Co., Ky.; d. 4-17-1923. He m. (1) 12-14-1858 FRANCINA (FRANCES) WOOD b. 1840 in Mo.; d. 7-4-1867 and (2) 2-24-1869 NANCY ANN GOW b. 5-8-1840; d. 11-7/8-1878/79. She is buried at Oakland Cemetery in Clinton Co., Mo. The cemetery is in back of the Christian Church in the old town of Haynesville. Mrs. Mary Irene Straw compiled the following Gow family history: "The Gow family originated in Ireland and migrated to America, year unknown. Arthur Gow was born in Mason Co., Ky., 12-16-1805. His father was in the War of 1812 and was killed in one of the battles with the English forces. He was reared by an uncle also named Arthur but it is not known whether he was a maternal

"or paternal uncle. Married Susan McGinnis in 1829 near Mayslick, Mason Co., Ky., and they started immediately for Missouri and settled on a farm near Holt in the year 1830 (Clay Co.) They lived on the same farm near Holt from 1830 until 1896, when he sold the farm and moved into the town of Holt, Mo., where he died in October, 1896, aged almost 91 years. Susan was born in Mason Co., Ky., in 1811 and died March 11, 1889, at the age of about 77 yrs. To this union were born 10 chn: Denham, Clyde, Ola, Abe, Kate, Roy, Tevis, Callie, Arthur and Mamie. Jim Gow had six children: Bernard, Luther, Lena, Maud, Nora, and Jim. Will Gow married Ludy Courtney and had seven children: Joe, Flonnie, Malice, Peggy, Susie, Norman and Lankford. Alfred Gow married Rose Baskett; there were no children." Mr. Carl Arthur Smelser sent me information which had been given by Joseph Smelser to his son Clarence Wirt Smelser on 10-10-1920, and which was partially revised by himself (Carl A.) 8-31-1933. Excerpts include: ". . . Joseph then moved to Clay Co., Mo., in 1867 and settled two miles northeast of Kearney, Mo. . . Joseph then moved to Milan Co., Tex., on Feb. 28, 1883, lived there one year, moved to a farm four miles south of Gainesville in Cook Co., Texas, where he lived until July 1889, when he moved to Canadian Co., Okla.: he took up a claim ten miles north of Yukon in Mathewson Twp. one mile northeast of the town of Piedmont; selling this place in 1900 he moved to Stillwater, Oklahoma Territory residing there for three years, then to Maremec in Pawnee County thence to Wetumka where he lived the remainder of his life with Susie S. Williams.

"Joseph Smelser was a member of the Council or Upper House of the First Territorial Legislature which convened in Guthrie, Oklahoma, on August 27th, 1891, and remained in session for 120 days. He helped to locate the Central Normal at Edmond, State University at Norman and the Agricultural & Mechanical College (now Oklahoma State University) at Stillwater as he was on the 'committee on education.' (His council rules of order -- a little red leather book with his name stamped in gold lettering on the outside, and which was provided by the Legislature -- was given to Carl Arthur Smelser only a year or so before his death as he was the 1st descendant to attend one of these schools.)

". . . Dad got Grandfather's old dictionary (1855); a book about four inches thick and it has finally fallen to me. During the years I occasionally look some word up in it to make a comparison with the Webster's New Collegiate dictionary and usually saw one tax receipt which had been in the book all the years we have had it.

"One day I got to thinking that Grandfather had been a land owner for many, many years and probably received 50 or more tax receipts; WHY had he kept that one. It was dated January 27, 1892, in payment of the 1891 taxes on his property in Canadian County, Territory of Oklahoma. Referring to an Oklahoma history I discovered that 1891 was the first year that taxes had been levied in that portion of the Territory -- then I noted that it had been numbered '1' written in ink instead of being printed; it is rather dim, as is all the writing but it is distinct, so it appears that he paid the first dollar of taxes in Canadian County. I attempted to confirm this by writing to the then treasurer who promptly

"informed me that all of the early tax records had been destroyed in a fire which consumed the court-house many, many years ago, but he said he had checked the assessment records and had found his assessment sheet for that year which, of course, proved only that he had been in the area; but, he was the type of man who would think of being the first man to pay taxes in the new territory and I am confident that he was the first tax payer in El Reno, the county seat." Joseph Smelser was admitted to the bar in Missouri but never practiced law. He was a member of the Upper House of the First Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Oklahoma and was a member of the following "standing committees":

Committee on Education	Committee on Railroads and Corporations
Committee on County Affairs	Committee on Highways and Agriculture
Committee on Elections	Committee on Federal Relations

(there were only 11 standing committees) JOSEPH and FRANCES had issue:

1. JAMES SMELSER b. 1859 in Missouri; deceased.
2. SAM SMELSER deceased.
3. HARRY M. SMELSER m. CASSIE _____. She is living. Harry was farmed out to a paternal auntie in West Virginia during service period while Joseph Smelser was in the Civil War.

JOSEPH SMELSER and NANCY ANN (GOW) SMELSER had issue:

4. LOLA SMELSER b. 11-28-1869 at Clay Co., Mo.; m. 12-25-1889 at Cook Co. in Texas JAY BURKHEAD. Issue:
 - a. ARTHUR BURKHEAD deceased age 5 yrs.
 - b. IRENE BURKHEAD m. JOHN RASH.
 - c. VERA BURKHEAD m. PORTER MONTGOMERY.
 - d. MERLE BURKHEAD
 - e. JOSEPH (JOE) BURKHEAD deceased ca 20 years ago.
5. ATHTON PERCY SMELSER deceased.
6. SUSIE SMELSER who d. August, 1960. She m. _____ WILLIAMS. Joseph Smelser resided with her in his senior years. Susie lived in Ada, Oklahoma.
7. CLARENCE WIRT SMELSER b. 9-23-1875 near Holt, Mo.; d. 1-31-1928. He m. 6-28-1899 at Edmond, Oklahoma Territory MARY HOLCOMB b. 11-21-1869 at Lyon Co., Kans.; d. 5-12-1957. From Mrs. John C. Straw, we learn: "Clarence Wirt Smelser was born. . .on the Smelser farm adjacent to the farm owned by the parents of the notorious outlaw, Jesse James. Clarence, orphaned at age three, was reared largely by maternal grandparents and a maiden aunt (maternal) Belle Gow. He went to work in Kansas City, Mo., as a youth; went to Oklahoma Territory to his father's home near Piedmont in Canadian Co. in 1893. He moved to Edmond in 1893 and was employed at the Howard Drug Store and later at Forster and Thompson General Store. Married Mary Holcomb June 28th, 1899 in a ceremony at the home of her parents, the Ludolphus Holcombs in Edmund, Oklahoma Territory. Moved to Oklahoma City and built a home about two-three blocks north and west of the present location of the Federal Reserve Bank and was employed by the Lion Store on Grand Avenue south of Broadway intersection. Moved to Cooperton, Oklahoma Territory, early in 1903 where, with his brother, A.P. Smelser and a Mr. J.G. Hill, established the Bank of Cooperton, February 21st, 1903 position being Cashier." CLARENCE and MARY (HOLCOMB) SMELSER issue:
 - a. CARL ARTHUR SMELSER b. 7-29-1901 at Edmond, Okla.; m. 5-26-1928

at Gainesville, Texas, ELOUISE AUSTIN b. 2-8-1904 at Sherman, Tex. The marriage ceremony was held at the Methodist Church with the Rev. W.W.Alexander officiating. Elouise (Austin) Smelser is the daughter of the Texas Austin family. She was graduated in 1924 from Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha, Okla., where her uncle, Dr. G.W.Austin, was president. She also attended Austin College in Sherman, Texas. Mrs. Smelser is distantly related to the pioneer, Stephen F. Austin. Carl Arthur Smelser was educated in the public schools of Cooperton and Hobart, Okla. He attended Oklahoma State University (prep school) 1918-20; Oklahoma State University in 1920-21, majoring in economics and mathematics; and the University of Oklahoma 1921-23. He received the U.S. Treasury award for patriotic service in the U.S. savings bonds program and was listed in Who's Who in the South and South West in 1950-52. Mr. Smelser has been employed by the Security State Bank at Roosevelt, Okla., since 1926, and has been President and Chairman of the Board since 1934. He was a professional musician from 1922 to 1926: University of Oklahoma, Fort Worth, New York and London. He played five weeks accompanying Sophie Tucker in Kit-Kat Club, London. He is a Methodist, and a member of Sigma Chi, Phi Mu Alpha (music fraternity), Kappa Kappa Psi (band fraternity), and Lions Club. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, and was Chairman in 1952 Group One, Oklahoma. He has travelled in Canada, England, Mexico; his hobbies include music, language, and travel. I am very grateful to Mr. Smelser for his assistance in compiling data for his immediate family. Address: Roosevelt, Oklahoma, % Security State Bank. Issue:

- i. CARL AUSTIN SMELSER b. 2-14-1931 at Altus, Okla.; m. 6-22-1956 at the Crown Heights Christian Church in Oklahoma City MARILYN ANN CHRISTY. He is Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank and Trust Co. in Oklahoma City. Address: 420 N.W. 45th Street, Oklahoma City. Issue:
 - i. DAVID PRESTON SMELSER b. 12-14-1957.
- ii. JOSEPH SMELSER b. 1-30-1936 at Altus. He attended the public schools of Roosevelt, Westminster College (Fulton, Mo.) 1953-54, University of Oklahoma 1954-56, University of Lausanne (Switzerland) 1958-59, and Oklahoma City University 1959-60. He was recipient of Award of Merit Radio Station KUVY (University of Oklahoma). He lettered in basketball and football in high school where he also played in the band, and was a member of the Men's Glee Club at the U. of Oklahoma. He is a member of Sigma Chi and Lions Club. In 1955 he travelled in 16 European countries and resided in Lausanne, Switzerland, 1958-59. He was on the Art Linkletter's "People Are Funny" program (dropping peach and grape from the top of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Italy, to test Galileo's theory). Joseph Smelser was Assistant Vice President of the Security State Bank of Roosevelt from June, 1957 to August, 1958. He incorporated the "Smelser-Hefner Imports, Inc." in 1959 in Oklahoma City and is President of the company.

- b. MARY IRENE SMELSER b. 3-5-1906 at Cooperton, Oklahoma Territory; m. JOHN CHISM STRAW b. 2-9-1905 in Celina, Tenn., 8-3-1921. During W.W.II, John C. Straw was in charge (civilian capacity) of preparing meat at Bruns Hospital, which was an Army hospital caring especially for casualties of the Pacific and such diseases as jaundice, fungus and malaria. He was educated in the public schools of Hobart and attended Oklahoma A. & M. (now called Oklahoma State College). He is a thirty-second degree Mason, Scottish Rite. Mary Irene (Smelser) Straw attended the schools of Cooperton and Hobart as well as the Oklahoma College for Women and Oklahoma University. She majored in public school music and English. She was an elementary school teacher 1926-27. She received a citation from the U.S. President on behalf of the Red Cross for the numerous sweaters she made during W.W.II. Her hobbies are gardening and music, and she has met many famous personalities. She specializes in 35 mm. cloud effects, and created a 30-minute program (poetry, prose and photography), "Worship of God in Nature," which has been very much in demand in the schools and churches. Mrs. Straw and her daughters played a trio on one piano or used two pianos for the duets. She was church organist for the First Christian Church and later at the St. John's Methodist Church. He is a member of Alpha Xi Delta. She is a contest enthusiast, and has won many items such as a portable transistor radio, Sealy Posturepedic mattress, \$10 bottle of Tweed perfume, two coffee makers (electric), a Dormeyer deep fat fryer, three-way high fidelity loud speaker, etc. In a wonderful letter from her, March 1st, 1961: "You will have to come to New Mexico if you love scenery. July, August, September, and October are so lovely. On the slightest provocation I grab my camera, drinking water, a lunch and, as I say, 'hie me' to the mountains. It is not really safe for a woman alone, so I'm always begging someone to go and sometimes almost wishing for a body guard or a ferocious dog. There are so many ghost towns I want to scout out and there are so many green spots, secluded nooks with moss and lichen and perhaps a fringed gentian or a columbine and a trickle of snow water, that I think I shall surely someday see or hear a leprechaun!! . . . There is the breathtaking ride in the ski tow up to the top of the Sangre de Cristos about 12 miles from here, and about 40 miles S.E. the tentrocks, freaks of nature, that are a photographer's dream. I have climbed all over them and behind them is a dry wash where 'Apache tears,' small tear-shaped pieces of obsidian break off up in the peaks and wash down, I should say becoming tear-shaped in the process of tumbling in the gravel." Address: 123 Mateo Circle North, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Issue:
- i. JUDITH ANNE STRAW b. 11-27-1928 at Hobart, Okla.; m. WILLIAM F. CARLSON, a staff member at Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory. William Carlson has his B.S. (nuclear training) and M.S. in electrical engineering from the University of New Mexico. He was a jet pilot in the U.S. Naval Air Force. He designs and tests the controls for nuclear devices such as KIVI reactor. He plans to receive his doct-

orate degree. Judith Anne received her B.F.A. (vocal emphasis) from Oklahoma University. She also attended the University of New Mexico for two years. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega and Mu Phi Alpha honorary music fraternity. She taught in the Santa Fe public schools for eight years as music supervisor. Address: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

- ii. MARY JEAN STRAW b. 10-7-1930 at Hobart, Okla.; m. EDWARD STUART COOK, D.D.S., who received his B.S. from Southern Methodist University and D.D.S. from Baylor University. He was in the U.S. Navy. Mary Jean was graduated from Oklahoma University (degree in pipe organ, and her teacher had studied under Marcel Dupré) where she became President of Alpha Chi Omega, was a member of Alpha Lambda Delta honorary scholastic fraternity, and Mortar Board. She was also Mu Phi Alpha, and B.W.O.C. in her senior year. For two years she accompanied the Men's Glee Club on the piano. She is active in the Dental Women's Auxiliary and Mu Phi in Dallas, Texas. MARY JEAN and EDWARD STUART COOK'S issue:
 - i. MARK STUART COOK b. 1959

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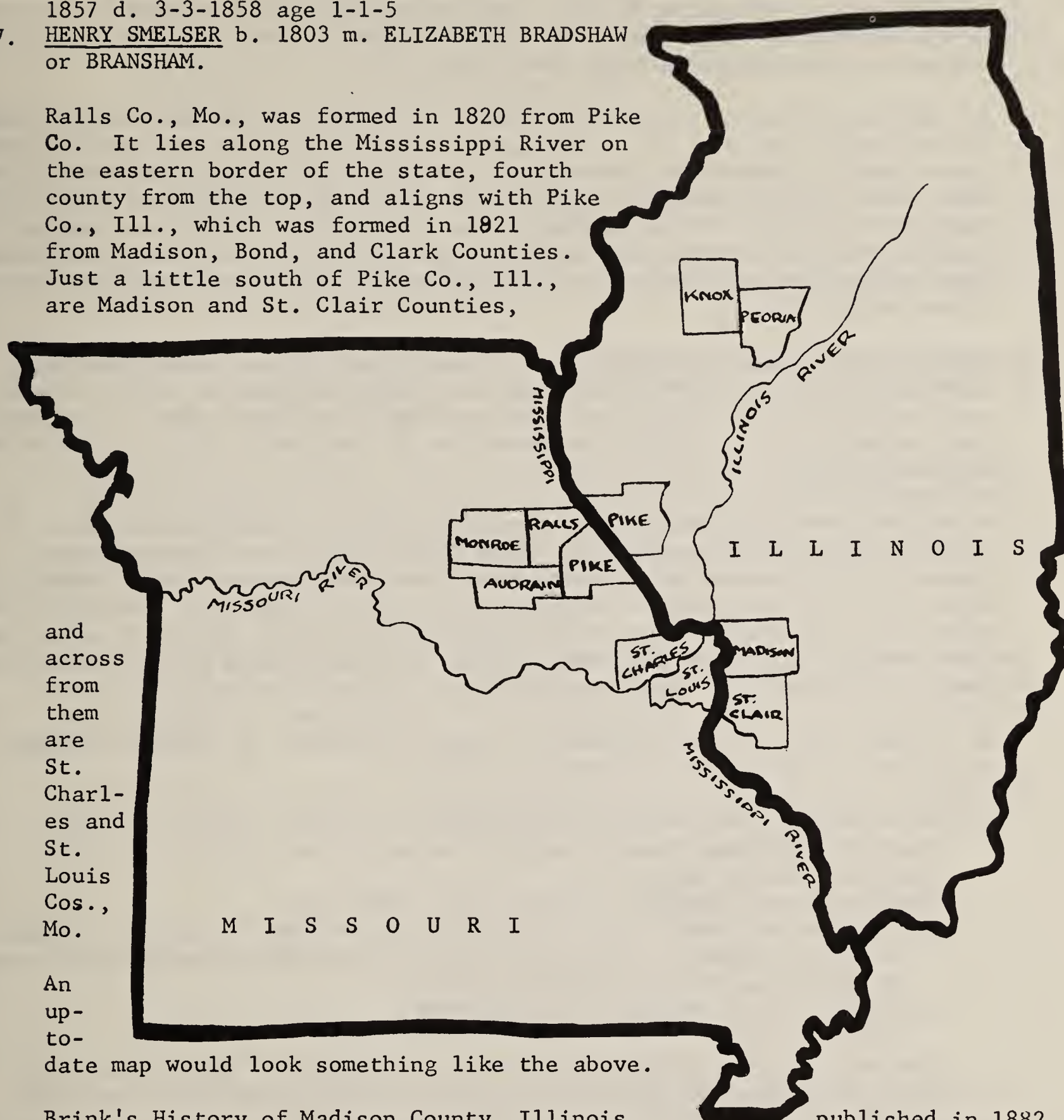
- 5. ATHTON PERCY SMELSER b. 2-3-1875 in Clay Co., Mo.; d. Okla. City. He m. (1) 1894 in Kingfisher Co., Okla. Terr., near Cashion ZULA Z. WILLIAMS who d. 12-24-1902 and is buried at Hobart Cemetery, Okla. (2) JESSIE JOHNSON of Valley View, Texas. ATHTON and ZULA'S issue:
 - a. GLADYS SMELSER m. RAY D. PAINTER
 - b. FAYE SMELSER m. DONALD BLACKATHTON PERCY and JESSIE (JOHNSON) SMELSER had issue:
 - c. JAMES SMELSER, unmarried, died 1928
 - d. WYMAN SMELSER m. POLLY JONES
 - e. ATHTON PERCY SMELSER, JR. m. EMILY _____
 - f. CARROLL LEE SMELSER m. DOLLY _____
 - g. MARY LOUISE SMELSER, unmarried. She has Ph.D. and is connected with the Oklahoma College for Women. Real estate broker in Oklahoma City.
 - h. GENE SMELSER, unmarried

- III. CATHERINE SMELSER b. in Bourbon Co., Ky.; m. 11-20-1824 at Bourbon Co. JOSEPH HUFFMAN. Nothing further is positively known about this family. However, I ran across some funeral inscriptions in a folder at the Kentucky Historical Society in Frankfort, Ky. The ages tally with those of the subject of this sketch, and it is believed they are the same Catherine who m. Joseph. The inscriptions were copied by a Miss Ruth A. Murray in 1921 and are of the Huffman family in a small enclosed space at Plumb Creek, Presbyterian Church at Needmore, Spencer Co., Ky. The old graveyard is (1921) now on the property of John Knapp. She made note of the fact that in the same enclosure is a stone with the name Miller. The old church is now a ruin. Joseph Huffman b. 8-1797 d. 5-20-1854 age 56-8-1. Catherine consort of Joseph b. 11-12-1804 d. 4-2-1852 age 47-4-19 Mary J daughter of Jos. and Cath. b. 5-9-1814 d. 2-18-1843. (NOTE: the birth date might have been copied or recorded in error.) Sarah D. daughter d. 3-28-1843 age 4 mos. 23 days. She

was b. 11-5-1842 Mary Elizabeth daughter of M.L. and C. Huffman b. 1-28-1857 d. 3-3-1858 age 1-1-5

IV. HENRY SMELSER b. 1803 m. ELIZABETH BRADSHAW or BRANSHAM.

Ralls Co., Mo., was formed in 1820 from Pike Co. It lies along the Mississippi River on the eastern border of the state, fourth county from the top, and aligns with Pike Co., Ill., which was formed in 1821 from Madison, Bond, and Clark Counties. Just a little south of Pike Co., Ill., are Madison and St. Clair Counties,



Brink's History of Madison County, Illinois, published in 1882, says on page 376: "A man by the name of Piper had a ferry across the Mississippi at the mouth of Hop Hollow, above Alton. (About five miles.) This ferry afterward came into the possession of Michael Squire and a man named Smeltzer, and at the time the town of Alton was founded was known as Smeltzer's Ferry (1817). For much of the time the landing place on the Illinois side was several miles above Alton. Smeltzer built a brick house on the Missouri side with brick made on the Illinois side of the river. This house gave the name to 'Brick House Bend', and was in existence till 1866, in Aug-

"ust of which year it fell down. Smeltzer was a miser. He was accustomed to ride with a tow-string bridle. Once when he was sick he told his brother-in-law that he had a barrel of silver dollars buried, but died finally without telling where the money was hidden."25

An identical story is recounted in Haire's Gazeteer of Madison County, published 1866. Page 76: ". . .the great Road leading from the east through this state to the Missouri Territory, the Boone's Lick and Salt River countries, runs through this town (Salu, just northeast of Alton) and crosses the Mississippi at the well-known Smeltzer's ferry (1819). . .These two ferries (another was three miles further south) are the only ones of any importance that can ever be established on the Mississippi between the Missouri and Illinois Rivers."26

Another source mentions the ferry: "When Colonel Easton brought me first in his gig to see Alton there was a cabin not far from what is now the southeast corner of State and Short streets, occupied by a man whom the Colonel had induced to start a ferry in opposition to Smeltzer's ferry, a few miles further up."27

Smeltzer's Ferry made its mark, appearing again in a book published in 1955: "In 1816 Joseph Meachan laid out Upper Alton. It had an advantage over Easton's Alton because of the high ground and therefore was more healthful. Upper Alton had the further advantage of being located on the roads from Edwardsville and Vandalia over Oakwood Avenue to present day North Alton and then down Hop Hollow to Smeltzer's Ferry. Pioneers going to the Louisiana Territory by land took this route."28

In the Recorder's office of Madison County, Illinois, is a record of land purchased in 1814 (found in Book B, p. 18):

Date: 12-16-1814; recorded 12-31-1814
Grantor: William O'Bannon and wife Betsey
Grantee: George Smelser
Consideration: \$235.00
Description of land: S.E. fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, and the W fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, and fractional Section 5, Township 3^c North, Range 10 West, consisting of 164.88 acres
Witnesses: Jacob Smelser, William Wood

The description includes the additional statement, "in Illinois Territory, adjoining the Mississippi River, including the ferry, building, and all the appurtenances thereto belonging."

The above land was sold to relatives in 1829, as shown in Book 7, p. 385:

Date: 5-18-1929; recorded 6-8-1929
Grantor: George Smeltzer of St. Charles Co., Missouri
Grantees: Peter and John Smeltzer, of the county aforesaid
Consideration: \$100 a year for and during the lifetime of the said George Smeltzer, to be paid annually on the first day of November.

Description: The S.E. fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 4, and the W. fractional $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 4, and fractional Sec. 5, Township 5 North, Range 10 West... (this is Alton Twp.), consisting of 160.88 acres, more or less, in the County of Madison, State of Illinois (it became a state in 1818), adjoining the Mississippi River, etc.

Witnesses: Ephraim Marsh, John Stone

The official checking these two land records cautioned: "It is noted that the Township is given as '3' in the first deed, and '5' in the second; but it is obviously the same tract, and should be '5', as '3' in the first deed probably meant 'correction'. There is also a difference in the number of acres; but along the river four acres may have been washed away in the floods during fifteen years."

The name Smeltzer is not found in the marriage or probate records (Madison Co., Ill.) up to 1870. The records do not show that any of the family ever held public office in Madison County.

Records of St. Clair Co., Ill., disclose that George Smelser who arrived from the Pendleton District of S.C. "about 20 days ago" registered Beck, a Negro girl slave about 17-18 years old, who agreed to serve Smelser as a bond servant for 40 years from date. The reference is to the Court of Common Pleas, Cahokia, Record A. for indenture servants. . 1850-32, p. 1, November 3, 1805.

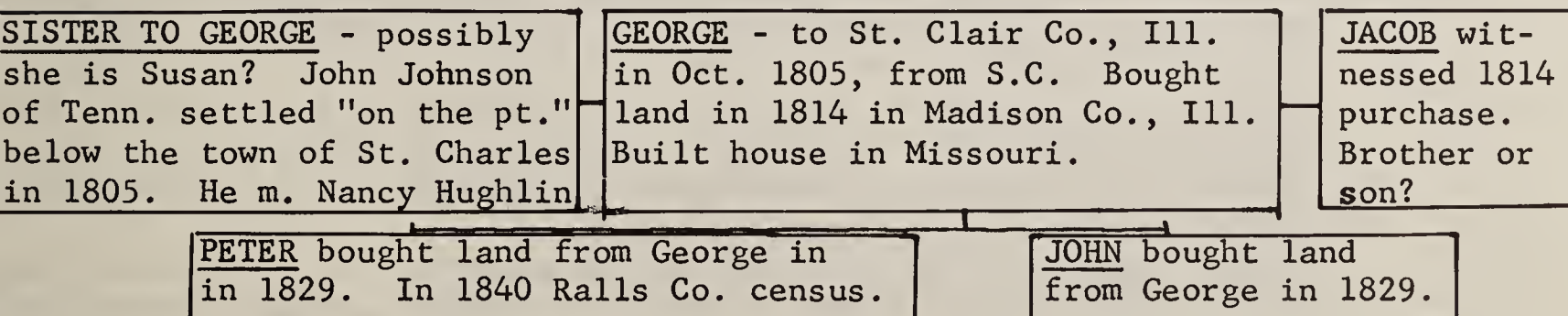
The Illinois Constitution of 1818 outlawed slavery, but the statutes permitted holding persons to service under contracts of indenture. Smelser is not shown by the index to the Illinois State census or the Federal census of 1820.

A Peter Smelser is listed in the Ralls Co., Mo., 1840 census. Conjecture: he is the Peter Smelser who bought land from George, Madison Co., Ill., 1829. According to the census report, Peter was b. 1790-1800.

1840 CENSUS RALLS COUNTY, MISSOURI

Peter Smelser	(males)	2 -5	(females)	1 -5
		1 10-15		2 5-10
		1 40-50		1 20-30
				1 30-40

A rough diagram of the Missouri-Illinois Smelsers might look like this:



It would seem unwise to discountenance the observation that George Smelser of St. Clair Co., Ill. (late of S.C.) is closely related to Peter Smelser of Madison Co., Ill., and Ralls Co., Mo.; but the connection between these men and the Henry Smelser family of Ralls Co., Mo., is enigmatic. (NOTE: refer to Peter Smelser b. 1798, p. 46.

HENRY SMELSER b. 1803 in Ky., settled in Ralls Co. Henry and George are placed in juxtaposition in this chapter only because of the location of settlement in Missouri.

Mrs. Arthur Yelton of West Linn, Oregon, should be given considerable credit for many of the names of Henry's descendants. Mrs. Yelton, age 84 at the time of recalling family history, indicates a remarkable memory.

HENRY SMELSER b. 1803 in Ky.; m. 3-28-1825 at Bourbon Co., Ky. ELIZABETH BRADSHAW or BRANSHAM. He was a tailor, and appears in the 1830, 1840, and 1850 Ralls Co., Mo. census.

1830 Ralls County, Missouri Spencer Twp., P.O. New London			1850 Ralls County, Mo. Dist. No. 73, p. 179		
	males	females			
Henry Smelser	1 -5	1 -5	549-554 Henry Smelser	47	farmer Ky.
	1 20-30	1 20-30	Eliza	47	Ky.
			Joseph	21	Mo.
			Mary A.	18	Mo.
			Amanda B.	16	Mo.
			John	14	Mo.
			Margaret	12	Mo.
			Adaline	9	Mo.
1840 Ralls County					
Henry Smelser	1 -5	1 -5			
	1 10-15	2 5-10			
		1 10-15			
		1 30-40			

The ages of Henry and Eliza's children in the outline that follows are primarily taken from the census records. Both Henry and Eliza died from Cholera. HENRY and ELIZA SMELSER had issue:

- A. JOSEPH BURTON SMELSER b. 2-20/21-1829 at Ralls Co., Mo.; d. 2/3-22/23-1907 at Stoutsville, Mo. He m. EMILY DUKE TIPTON b. 8-1-__ in Mo.; d. 5-22/23-1908. She is the daughter of William and Sarah (Splann) Tipton. Joseph Burton Smelser was a farmer for the greater part of his life. "He was a Confederate soldier for a time, and was a resident of Audrain Co., Mo., from early manhood until 1868 when he settled 2½ miles south-east of Stoutsville in the vicinity of which he passed away on the 22nd of March 1907. He was the son of Henry Smelser who came to Missouri and settled in Ralls Co."²⁹ JOSEPH BURTON and EMILY SMELSER had issue:
 1. SARA ELIZA SMELSER b. 1-7-1855; d. 11-1-1893 in Monroe Co., Mo. She m. ROBERT HURD.
 2. ANNIE BURTON SMELSER b. 5-29-1856 at Stoutsville; d. 3-17-1949. Unm.
 3. WILLIAM T. SMELSER b. 11-20-1857; d. May, 1859 age 16 mos.
 4. LAURA FRANCIS SMELSER b. 3-17-1859; d. 3-13-1959. She m. JAMES UTTERBACK and they lived near Stoutsville.
 5. JOSEPH EDWARD SMELSER b. 12-25-1861 in Ralls Co.; d. 4-30-1942. He m. 11-1-1883 ELLA M. BAKER, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Shropshire)

Baker. Joseph Edward Smelser was manager of the mercantile establishment of C.R. Noel and Co. of Stoutsville. He was a resident of Monroe Co. since 1871. JOSEPH EDWARD and ELLA M. SMELSER'S issue:

- a. LUCY SMELSER m. GUY DOOLEY of Stoutsville
 - b. JOSEPH ALBERT SMELSER m. JESSIE LAWSON. They lived in Stoutsv.
 - c. LLOYD ELMER SMELSER
 - d. GLENN C. SMELSER
 - e. NEVA E. SMELSER
 - f. ELLIOTT SMELSER
 - g. ELSIE B. SMELSER
6. JOHN HENRY SMELSER b. 2-25-1863; d. 2-25-1949. He m. LULA YELTON, sister to Arthur Yelton who m. Mary Bertha Smelser, John Henry's sister. John Henry and Lulu Smelser lived in Stoutsville.
7. ALEXIS TIPTON SMELSER b. 2-22-1866 at Stoutsville; d. at Farber, Mo. and is buried at Florida, Mo. He m. ca Sept. 1895 at Florida, Mo. MARY CATHERINE KENDALL b. 1-20-1872 at Florida; d. July, 1949. She is the daughter of Nelson and ____ (Hobbs) Kendall and sister of Bessie Kendall who married Jabey Burwell Smelser, brother of Alexis. Subject lived at Perry, Mo. ALEXIS TIPTON and MARY C. had issue:
- a. JOSEPH NELSON SMELSER b. 9-12-1897 at Paris, Mo.; m. 5-6-1922 at Kahoka, Mo., SUSIE MARIE HESS b. 4-14-1903 at Kahoka. The wedding was held at the bride's home, with the Rev. W. Bechtold of the Evangelical Church officiating. Susie Marie is the daughter of Henry and Sophia (Muhrrer) Hess. She attended the Kahoka public schools and received her B.S. in Education in 1929 from Kirksville Teachers' College, and M.A. in 1950 from Arizona State C. Her major was in English; minor, Latin. She has been a school teacher since 1944, currently teaching at the Carl Hayden High S. in Phoenix. Her hobbies are reading and knitting. Joseph N. attended public schools in Stoutsville and Perry. He received his B.S. in 1924 from Kirksville State College and M.A. in 1929 from University of Iowa. He also attended the University of Missouri, U. of Minnesota, U. of Wisconsin, U. of Colorado, Arizona State College, College of the Pacific and Westminster College (Fulton). He was Superintendent of schools at Novelly and Luray, Mo., 1922-28; and has been a faculty member of Phoenix College since 1929, serving as Dean of Men, Chairman of Speech and Drama Departments, the Philosophy Department, and is now Chairman of the Social Science Department and teaches philosophy. He was listed in the Directory of American Scholars, 1957; is author of numerous articles; and was cited in 1935 by Pi Delta Kappa. Mr. Smelser was a Private in the Ord. Artillery, W.W.I., and fought at Argonne. He has been State President, Arizona Civic Unity; State Vice-Pres., Arizona Education Assn.; State President, A.A.S.C.P., and has held numerous local offices. He travelled in France and Spain in 1918-19. Address: 419 N. 31st Ave, Phoenix, Arizona. Issue:
 - i. WILLIAM TAYLOR SMELSER b. 7-14-1924 at Kahoka, Mo.; m. 9-10-1951 at Berkeley, Calif. (Congregational Church by the Rev. G. Arthur Cassidy) BETTY WEST WARD b. 1927. William Taylor received his degrees from the U. of California at Berkeley: A.B. (1949) in Philosophy, M.A. (1950) in Phil-

osophy, M.A. (1950) in Philosophy and Ph.D. (1958) in Psychology. In 1949 he was awarded Phi Beta Kappa. He was Corporal in the U.S. Air Force during W.W.II Feb., 1943 to 12-25-1945, serving in the Middle East and North Africa. He attended service schools at the University of Oregon and Harvard University. He has been a member of University of California since 1952 as Teaching Assistant, Clinical Trainee and Assistant Field Supervisor and Research Assoc. Currently he is a Psychotherapist in a private clinic. Mr. Smelser published "Factors in Length of Stay and Progress in Psychotherapy," J. of Const. Psych., Vol. 22, No. 1, 1958. His hobbies are handball, music and reading. Dr. & Mrs. Smelser live at 2209 Grant St., Berkeley 3, Calif.

WILLIAM TAYLOR and BETTY WEST (WARD) SMELSER had issue:

- i. CLAUDIA LYNN SMELSER b. 10-29-1952 at Oakland, Calif.
- ii. LISA CATHERINE SMELSER b. 8-28-1957 at Oakland.
- ii. NEIL JOSEPH SMELSER b. 7-22-1930 at Kahoka, Mo.; m. 6-10-1954 HELEN THELMA MARGOLIS at Oxford, England, at Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths. He received his A.B. in 1952 at Harvard College, A.B. in 1954 from Oxford University, Oxford, England (the degree became M.A. in 1959) and Ph.D. in 1958 from Harvard University. His majors have been psychology, philosophy and social relations. He was awarded National Scholarship to Harvard College in 1948 from Phoenix, Ariz.; the Edwards Whittaker Prize Scholarship (awarded to the freshman at Harvard who shows "most intellectual promise") in 1948-49; the Jacob Wendell Prize Scholarship (awarded to the most outstanding sophomore at Harvard C.) in 1949-50; the Detur Prize (awarded for placing in the First Rank of the Dean's List during the fresh. year at Harvard) 1949-50; was elected to the Junior Eight of the Phi Beta Kappa at Harvard in 1950-51; was elected one of four Harvard undergraduates to attend the Salzburg Seminar in American Studies in 1950-51; in 1951-52 he was awarded the Palfrey Exhibition ("to the most outstanding scholar in the senior class" at Harvard C.); the Rhodes Scholarship for two years' study at Oxford University (Eng) and was graduated summa cum laude in the Department of Soc. Relations at Harvard; as well as being one of two seniors chosen from Harvard C. to attend a conference on Western Europe at West Point, N.Y. College activities include his serving as Secy.-Treas. of Harvard Chapter of United World Federalists (1948-49); Harvard Yearbook staff (1950-51); member of Student Council committee on Tutorial and Advising at Harvard (1950-51); Harvard Undergraduates Comm. (entailing contacting potential Harvard undergraduates in Phoenix) in 1950-51; intra-mural basketball (1950-51) student assistant at the Salzburg Seminar in American Studies, which meant spending six weeks in Salzburg, Austria, as assistant in Soc. Psych. (summer 1951). The Salzburg Seminar is an American institution in Europe which offers courses

in American civilization to students from Western Europe. In 1951-52 he was President of the Social Relations Soc., a departmental organization of undergraduates in the Department of Social Relations; and Treasurer of Adams House at Harvard C. In 1955-58 he was Junior Fellow of Society of Fellows, Harvard U. Neil Joseph Smelser has published the following: "A Sociological Model of Economic Development" (with Talcott Parsons) (London: Routledge and Kegan Paul and Glencoe, Ill: The Free Press, 1956); "A Comparative View of Exchange Systems," Economic Development and Cultural Change, Vol. VII, No. 2, Jan., 1959, pp. 173-82; and Social Change in the Industrial Revolution: An Application of Theory to the British Cotton Industry, 1770-1840 (London: Routledge and Kegan Paul and Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1959). His employment has been with daily newspapers in Phoenix and the Russian Research Center of Harvard U. as statistician. He taught an Introductory Course in Sociology for the University of Maryland Armed Forces Program at the U.S.A.F. Base in West Drayton, England during the summer of 1953. He has been Asst. Prof. in the Dept. of Sociology at U. of California since July, 1958. Dr. Smelser is a member of the American Sociological Assn. His hobbies are reading, golf, and walking. Address: 10 Mosswood Road, Berkeley 4, Calif. Issue:

- i. ERIC JONATHAN SMELSER b. 12-10-1957 at Boston, Mass.
- ii. TINA RACHELLE SMELSER b. 6-6-1959 at Walnut Creek,".
- iii. PHILIP SIDNEY SMELSER b. 1-18-1934 at Phoenix; m. 6-25-1955 JO ANN STONE. The ceremony was held at the First Southern Baptist Church with the Rev. C.V. Rock officiating. Philip Sidney Smelser attended the public schools at Phoenix; he received his A.B. in Liberal Arts from Phoenix College in 1954, B.S. in Psychology in 1956 from the University of California, and M.A. in Social Science in 1959 from Arizona State U. He has been a teacher in Phoenix since 1957, and is currently a member of the Phoenix Central High School faculty. His hobbies are golf, basketball, and gardening. Address: 3631 W. Campbell Ave., Phoenix. Issue:
 - i. STEPHEN JOSEPH SMELSER b. 12-28-1956 at Phoenix.
 - ii. MARK EUGENE SMELSER b. 2-9-1956 at Phoenix.
- 8. JABEY BURWELL SMELSER b. 11-20-1868; d. 5-10-1946. He m. BESSIE KENDALL. They lived near Stoutsville where Mr. Smelser was a farmer. JABEY BURWELL and BESSIE (KENDALL) SMELSER had issue:
 - a. JOHN HENRY SMELSER b. 10-20-1893 at Stoutsville; m. 10-13-1922 at Hannibal, Mo. MARY JANE SOWERS b. 4-4-1906 near Palmyra, Mo. Address: Highway 36, Hunnewell, Mo. (w. of Monroe) Issue:
 - i. OPAL DARLENE SMELSER b. 7-28-1924 at Hannibal; m. _____ STACY. Separated. Her address: 813 Daisy Ave., Long Beach, Calif. OPAL DARLENE (SMELSER) and MR. STACY'S iss.:
 - i. NANCY GALE STACY b. 7-15-1952 in California
 - ii. JULIAN (JUDY) SMELSER b. 1-29-1926 at Hannibal; m. _____ WHITE. Address: 606 Moberly, Mo. Issue:

- i. JUDY KAY WHITE b. 3-6-1947 at Montgomery, Mo. She m. LUTZ.
 - iii. JOHN H. SMELSER, JR. b. 10-20-1929 at Perryville, Mo.; m. _____; separated.
 - iv. MALE b. 11-6-1932; d. 11-14-1932.
 - v. JABEY CRAIG SMELSER b. 8-12-1935 at Holliday, Mo.; m. 1958 BETTY SUE JOHNSTON b. 4-6-1943 at Hannibal. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Smelser at Hannibal, Mo. JABEY CRAIG and BETTY SUE (JOHNSTON) SMELSER had issue:
 - i. DEWAYNE CRAIG SMELSER b. 7-10-1959 at Macon, Mo.
 - ii. THOMAS JOSEPH SMELSER b. 1-15-1961 at Hannibal, Mo.
 - b. MARY LEONA SMELSER b. 4-18-1894 at Florida, Mo.; m. _____ BAKER. Address: 827 W. Monroe Street, Mexico, Mo.
 - c. LULA BELLE SMELSER b. 3-16-1901 at Florida, Mo.; m. CLEO THOMSON. Address: Holliday, Mo.
 - d. EDITH ELSIE SMELSER b. 8-13-1911 at Stoutsville; m. _____ SMITH. Address: Holliday, Mo.
 - e. THOMAS LEE SMELSER b. 10-17-1898 at Florida, Mo.; d. 4-28-1951 at Stoutsville, Mo.
 - f. JOSEPH EDWARD SMELSER b. 8-15-1904 at Florida, Mo.
 - g. LAURA PEARL SMELSER b. 9-21-1905 at Florida, Mo.; m. (1) JAMES BENARD JOHNSON, SR. (2) 3-5-1950 at Columbia, Mo. JOSEPH (JOE) DIETZ b. 9-15-1906, son of Edward and Julia Dietz. The Dietz wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. Gordon Kingsley. Jas. Benard Johnson is the son of Claude M. and Hattie (Bloodgood) Johnson. Joseph Dietz operates the Dietz Garage. Address: 1205 Madison Ave., Columbia, Mo. LAURA PEARL and J. JOHNSON'S issue:
 - i. JAMES BENARD JOHNSON, JR. b. 5-4-1924 at Kansas City, Mo. He will retire in August, 1961, from the U.S.N., after 20 years of service. He is currently on the U.S. Lexington. His hobbies are square dancing and calling. Address: 323 Kenmore Ave., Sunnydale, Calif. Issue:
 - i. LINDA LEE JOHNSON b. 8-31-1945 at Fort Pierce, Fla.; m. 3-5-1944 at Austin, Texas JOANNE JENKINS b. 2-10-1922 at Richmond, Ind., daughter of Alice (Johnston) and A. E. Jenkins. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. O.C. Crow.
 - h. ELIZABETH MERLE SMELSER b. 3-1-1909 at Florida, Mo.; m. _____ HENTHORNE. Address: 529½ W. Coates, Moberly, Mo.
- 9. OLEHID (OLIVIA) MELVINA SMELSER b. 10-26-1874; d. 1-27-1941. She m. (1) LUTHER BAKER, brother to Ella M. Baker who m. Joseph Edward Smelser and (2) JAMES WRAY.
- 10. MARY BERTHA SMELSER b. 8-1-1876 at Stoutsville; m. 10-18-1894 at Stoutsville (Monroe Co.) WILLIAM ARTHUR YELTON b. 7-15-1869 at Falmouth (Pendleton Co.), Ky.; d. 7-12-1948 at Albany, Ore. The marriage was performed by Dr. Meyers, a Methodist minister of St. Louis. Both Mr. and Mrs. Yelton were members of the Christian Church. Mr. Yelton came to Missouri from Kentucky at the age of 13. Address: 6143 N.E. Portland, West Linn, Ore. Issue:
 - a. EMMA LUTE YELTON m. 1932 LAWRENCE MELUGIN. Address: R.R. 1, Box 137, Mulino, Oregon.

- b. MABEL FLORENCE YELTON m. CLARENCE A. COOVER. Address: R.R. 1, Box 99, Molalla, Oregon.
- c. VINA MARIE YELTON m. 1932 ELMER C. ENGLE. Address: R.R. 1, Box 99, Molalla, Oregon.
- d. JOEL BYRON YELTON b. 2-29-1904 at Avilla, Mo.; m. 3-7-1932 CARRIE ALBER at Sandpoint, Iowa, at the Methodist Church. The Rev. Fred Stillwell officiated. Mr. Yelton's hobbies are hunting and fishing. He is employed in the transfer business. JOEL BYRON and CARRIE (ALBER) YELTON had no issue. Address: 1824 Grand Prairie Rd., Albany, Oregon.
- e. JAMES WILLIAM YELTON b. 8-8-1910 m. ELAINE M. OLIVER. Issue: 3.
- f. ONA BELLE YELTON b. 1899; d. 1-26-1926. She m. RUSSELL WHITE. Both are buried at Spring Lake, Texas. Issue:
 - i. CHARLES WHITE, unmarried. Address: Spring Lake, Texas.
 - ii. ERNEST WHITE, unmarried. He farms on his uncle's (Willis White) farm, as does his brother, Charles. Same address.
- g. LELA BERDELL YELTON
- h. MALE CHILD died young.
- 11. JAMES T. SMELSER b. 2-14-1878; d. 11-1-1893. He m. twice. Lived in Canada.
- 12. MAGGIE SMELSER deceased.
- 13. ADDIE SMELSER deceased.
- B. JOHN SMELSER b. 1831 in Missouri.
- C. MARY A. SMELSER b. 1834 in Missouri. She m. GUY MC CUNE.
- D. ADALINE SMELSER b. 1836 in Mo. She m. JOHN WAT CALDWELL. They lived at Bowling Green, Mo.
- E. MARGARET SMELSER b. 1838; m. WILLIAM GIVENS. They lived at Bowling Green and had no issue.
- F. AMANDA B. SMELSER b. 1841 in Missouri.

ADDENDA

- p. 34 B. BOONE DE HAVEN and MELISSA JANE (MORRIS) SMELSER are buried at Little Blue River Cemetery in Rush Co., Ind.
- p. 46. K. NANCY SMELSER
- p. 46 2. BESSIE SMELSER b. 2-22-1879; m. JACK SNIDER. Address: Linwood, Kans. They had issue.
- 3. ORA JOHN SMELSER b. 5-15-1881; m. NELLIE STRONG.
- 4. MERLE O. SMELSER b. 8-1-1883; d. 9-8-1953. He m. MABEL _____.
- 5. CHARLES D. SMELSER b. 2-17-1889; m. EMMA FEHRING.
- 6. AGNES M. SMELSER b. 5-19-1895; m. EUGENE BLEVINS. No issue. Address: Faucett, Missouri.

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- V. JONAS MARKEE SMELSER b. 11-7-1806 in Bourbon Co., Ky.; d. 6-26-1875 age 68-7-19, in Georgetown, Wisc., in the family home northeast of the main intersection of the town. He m. probably in Kentucky 7-21-1831 CALISTA DE LONG b. 6-21/29-1816 in New York; d. 11-8-1866 in Grant Co., Wisc. She is the daughter

of Elizabeth and Cornelius DeLong. Cornelius is a veteran of the War of 1812 and was b. 1791; d. 7-30-1854; m. Elizabeth b. 1790; d. 3-2-1851; both are buried in the Smelser Cemetery at Georgetown. Cornelius DeLong was a member of the Wisconsin Assembly, the lower house of the Wisconsin Legislature, in 1850, from Lafayette Co., where he had been one of the old prominent settlers since 1833 (the date he located in the town of Belmont). In 1853 he was a member of the Lafayette Co. Board (16 members) which met at Shullsburg, Wisc. JONAS MARKEE SMELSER m. (2) ELIZABETH _____ who lived in Iowa in 1875. Other than the record of Jonas' will, nothing is known of Elizabeth, second wife of subject. It is to be noted that Jonas was buried next to his first wife, Calista, in the Smelser Cemetery in Wisconsin. His death occurred 11 years after that of his first wife.

JONAS M. SMELSER'S WILL

I Jonas M. Smelser of the town of Smelser Grant County Wisconsin, being of sound mind and memory, and mindful of the uncertainties of human life, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament, in manner following.

First, I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Smelser, one third of the yearly income arising from the rents and profits of the house and lot on which I now reside also one third of the yearly income arising from the rents and profits of the house and lot now occupied by Frank Brandon and known as the Brandon house, all of which are situate in the village of Georgetown of Smelser Grant Co. Wis so long as she remains my widow and to terminate in every contingency with her remarriage.

Second the residue of my estate both real and personal, after defraying my funeral expenses I give and bequeath to my natural heirs viz. Elizabeth Cooley, wife of Reuben Cooley, Susan Miller, wife of Enoch Miller, Obed Smelser, Eliza Smelser, Amanda Williams, wife of Lewis Williams, Horatio Smelser and Nancy Smelser, to be divided equally, share and share alike.

Third I hereby nominate and appoint my son Obed Smelser and my friend James H Cabanis the executors of this my last will and testament and hereby authorize them the said Obed Smelser and James H. Cabanis to settle any claim or demands which may be against or in favor of my said estate, with full power and authority to grant, bargain and sell and convey any and all my real estate in the same manner that I might or could do if living.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22nd day of July A.D. 1872

/s/ Jonas M. Smelser (SEAL)

The above instrument consisting of one sheet was signed, published and declared by the said testator to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have signed our names at his request as witnesses in his presence and in presence of each other

Hiram Gilmore, of the town of Smelser Joseph Brandon H. Watson Smith

This will is on file at Grant County Court, Lancaster, Grant County, Wisconsin.
It was petitioned at Lancaster on July 2, 1875.

GENERAL INVENTORY OF JONAS M. SMELSER'S ESTATE

Real Estate

Appraised Value

One house and lot in the village of Georgetown	450.00
Grant Co., Wis. situated on Sec 21 G-2-R-1	

Personal Estate

Accessed Value

Note of Ann Shrigrey for \$21.00 - Accrued interest \$8.28	29.28
" " William L. Wilson for \$100.00 Accrued interest \$9.96	109.96
" " Susan Miller for \$44.00 Accrued interest \$1.16	45.16
" " Wilson & Cabanis for \$417.35 Accrued interest \$10.75	420.13
" " W. W. Alderson for \$69.00 Accrued interest \$8.96	
(worthless)	
" " Horatio Smelser for \$25.00 Accrued interest \$.63	25.63
" " Wm. A. Wilson for \$400.00 Accrued interest \$35.00	435.00
" " Wm. Laird for \$50.00 Accrued interest \$.97	50.97
" " W. L. Wilson for \$200.00 Accrued interest \$4.73	204.73
" " Wm. A. Wilkinson for \$834.00 Accrued interest \$60.08	896.08
" " Joseph Brandon & others for \$836.82 Accrued interest	
\$62.77	899.59
" " Lawrence Williams for \$300.00 Accrued interest \$7.50	317.50
" " Nancy Coonsod for \$50.00 Accrued interest \$1.65	51.65
" " Nancy McReynold for \$196.58 Accrued interest \$2.13	50.00
" " John W. Willis for \$10.40 Accrued interest \$.65	11.08

Cash in hands of Executors	325.25
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Book Accounts

Wm. A. Wilkinson	39.60
H. W. Smith	10.00

Live Stock

One Cow	28.00
" Mare and Colt	65.00
Two shotes	<u>14.00</u>

Total value of personal estate	4,034.55
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Also 1/7" Interest in Scales & Scale house in village of	<u>20.00</u>
Georgetown	

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On file at the Probate Court. Filed January 3, 1876,

Wm. McGonigal, County Judge

Considerable credit for information about the Jonas Markee-Calista (DeLong) Smelser descendants should be given to Obed Everett Smelser and Emma (Smelser) Sullivan and Richard T. Goodell. The enthusiasm and unselfishness of these individuals were inspirational as well as helpful. Credit should also go to the Rev. Robert Sullivan who generously lent me the exciting original story of this branch of the family written by Obed E. Smelser in 1958, as well as Mrs. Chase D. Smelser for sending this book on to me. Mr. Obed Smelser, in turn, has granted me permission for incorporating excerpts from his own chronology.

On pages 9 and 10 of this book, Smelser Family History, by Obed Everett Smelser, private edition, 1958, is the following account of Jonas Smelser's migration to Wisconsin: "Jonas possibly went from Kentucky to the Wisconsin wilds early in 1831, perhaps alone, perhaps with some helper, and built his log cabin. Likely he returned from the wilds of Kentucky for his wedding with Calista on July 21st, and then made the trip back into them again with his bride, for their honeymoon.

"I think all the DeLongs may have gone along, toting the family's effects in wagons. I seem dimly to remember being told that oxen drew the wagons.

"But Jonas and Calista, I believe, went ahead. The young couple had but one horse to ride, and they used it 'ride-and-tie'. This means that on a morning the two would start from the place where they had slept the night, one walking, the other riding the horse rapidly. When the horse needed rest, it would be tied beside the trail, and its rider would walk on ahead. By the time the walker behind came up to the horse, the horse would have been rested and the walker tired. He would then mount, ride rapidly to overtake and pass the front walker, in time to tie the horse again beside the trail somewhere ahead, and himself continue on foot. The one who had previously been the walker in front was now the rear walker. Coming to the horse, he would mount and the whole process would be repeated. Two people thus using one horse got ahead faster than they could on foot, though not as fast as if both had horses to ride. I think that Jonas and Calista in this way preceded her parents.

"Jonas built his log cabin, with an oaken floor 6 inches thick, near the junction of forest and prairie, at the southeast edge of a woods of oak, black walnut, and maple trees, and of hickory, ash, and butternuts as well. They provided building material and fuel. The techniques of life used by this father of my father were the techniques of the forest, with which he was familiar. Therefore he avoided the prairie.

"In contrast would be the peculiarly prairie techniques to be used later by the father of my mother, who would live in a hillside dugout and then in a sod house, who would burn cow-chips and corncobs, when the frontier should have moved much farther west."

Mr. Obed Smelser describes his grandfather, Jonas Markee Smelser: "He would have been in the neighborhood of six feet tall, powerfully framed. He wore no mustache, but a fringe of cheek and under-chin whiskers like those of an old Nantucket sailing master. He had a good head of white hair. He had come

"to use a cane. In his very old age he would use crutches.

"His philosophy would have no novelty in his environment. He was probably opinionated. He probably used neither profanity, tobacco, nor liquor. Strictly honest, hardworking, thrifty, he would be no gambler. He would be businesslike, even stern, 'progressive' as the word was used then and now, and so, respected in the neighborhood as a 'leading citizen.' He would show little humor, other than ridicule.

"He would be unfeeling rather than positively cruel. A typical pioneer, he would have no affection for, or understanding of, the wild; no genuine knowledge of, and no regard for, wild creatures."

A conflicting, but equally interesting, version of Jonas and Calista's migration was recounted in a letter of December, 1960, by Mrs. Ella Gjeruldsen: "There is a legend which may or may not be true but is worth checking. We were told that Great Grandfather Smelser was a 'bound boy' on the plantation of the DeLong (French) family in Louisiana near New Orleans. One version says that he had 'bound' himself to work out his passage from Germany where he had been found on a doorstep as a baby. That version says that he was given the name of the head of the German orphanage where he was left -- the name of Orphanage Director _____ Smelser.

"The other version says that he had been taken out of an orphanage in Louisiana and 'bound out' to Plantation Owner DeLong. Both versions say that the daughter of the plantation owner, Calista DeLong, was sorry for him and fell in love with him before his 'bondage' was completed. And when he completed his 'bondage' she was ready and they ran away together, got married and worked their way (walking) through the wilderness to Wisconsin. After they were married she taught him to read and write -- correcting the conditions of his bondage. The legend also says that Calista shot 12 Indians who tried to molest the cabin at the fjord at Prairie De Chine when her husband was away hunting, trapping or buying supplies. As I understood, she did not shoot 12 Indians all at once but at several different times -- once because they kept waking the baby. This I had from my mother and my father -- but my memory may not be perfect on details."

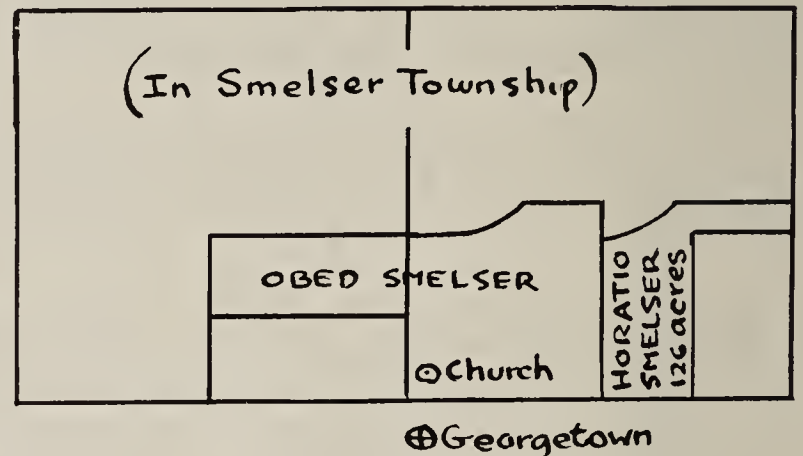
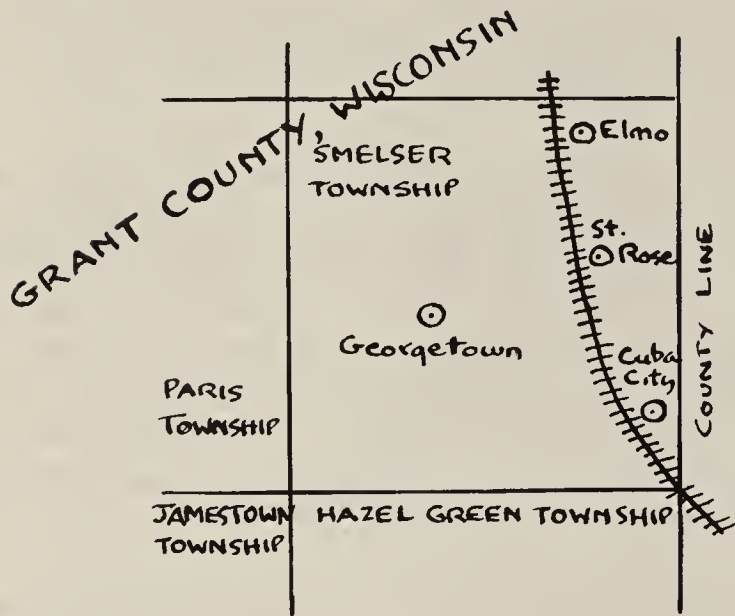
Smelser's Grove, Wisc., finds a place in the journal of a mid-century traveller in the 1800's: "This evening we are 12 miles from Galena, at the 'Western Hotel' in the town of Smelser (Smeltzer's Grove), Grant Co., Wisc. Here, then, we find ourselves within the limits of the celebrated State of Wisconsin. And here, too, we find very beautiful prairies, good cistern water - nearly (illegible), and wood can be had in 15 miles distance at 2.00 per cord in the tree. This is what the Suckers would call 'pretty good pop.'"30

The village of Georgetown (known as Smelser until 1870) was surveyed and laid on the 18th of May, 1870, by Joseph Allen on Sections 21, 22, 27 and 28. The land had been owned originally by Jonas Smelser, J. H. Cabanis, George Wineman and Alfred Bary. The first town meeting in Georgetown was held at the house of Jonas.

ASTERS AT DUSK

In a letter, 10-20-1960, from Mr. Richard T. Goodell: "When I visited Edna Williams Howard in Newberg, Oregon, in 1952 she showed me a deed or land contract dated Aug. 1, 1839. It was made out to Jonas Markey Smelser or Iowa County, Michigan, and was for the west half of south west quarter of Section 17 of township two of Range One West and including 80 acres. This is apparently the Jonas M. Smelser homestead in Smelser Township."

Mr. Obed Smelser has diagrammed Smelser Township (using an 1870 atlas):



"Smelser Cemetery was established years ago, before the village of Georgetown had been conceived in the minds of its founders. It consisted of a tract of land lying to the north of the present town less than a mile, donated by J. M. Smelser and Hugh Laird. The first burial within its sacred limits is a question of doubt. Whether it was a man from Elk Grove in the employ of Mr. Smelser, who was frozen to death, or whether it was Col. De Long, father in law of Mr. Smelser, cannot be determined at the present day. But since that event many a forefather of the town has been laid in this narrow cell, a prey to dim forgetfulness and cherished memories."³¹

Richard T. Goodell (letter, 11-7-1960) vividly describes this burial plot as follows: "My great aunt, Miss Julia Williams, died in our home in 1939 less than four months before her 90th birthday. My mother was also seriously ill at that time and in bed. It was left to me to decide if our Aunt Julia should be buried in the Smelser cemetery or if we should buy a single grave for her in one of our Platteville cemeteries. The afternoon of the day she died I went to the Smelser cemetery, and it would be hard to imagine a more overgrown, neglected, lonely spot. Weeds and brush tore at one's clothes as he tried to walk. Tombstones were tipped over, leaning, broken. The cemetery is reached by a long drive thru a pasture and up a hill and is only visible from the highway at two hill tops. I found that Aunt Julia could be buried beside her mother and I decided that she belonged here. The next morning I went again to the cemetery with the grave digger and watched while he began to dig to see that he was not digging into another grave. Even then I wondered if I should not stop him and buy a grave in Platteville. It was a hard decision to make. However, always since when I have thought of it I have felt

"that I did the right thing in taking my beloved aunt back to be with her parents and three sisters and two brothers. Platteville is perhaps six or seven miles from Georgetown and its watertower is visible from the Georgetown cemetery.

"Shortly after her burial a clean up was organized and the cemetery burned over, brush cut, weeds and grass burned, and many of the tombstones straightened or put back in an erect position. Since then the town board has cut the cemetery once a year. There are many corn lilies and little wild rose bushes and other flowers growing in the cemetery and I often think that they are prettier than mown grass would be. No one has been buried here since 1947 and I believe there is no one now living who will be buried here. It is a quiet, peaceful place in which to rest but it is also a lonely, neglected place." NOTE: Mr. Goodell has been Justice of Peace in Platteville for 21 years. He is not a Smelser descendant -- his grandmother is sister of Lewis Allen Williams who married Amanda Smelser (b. 1847; d. 1897). Though he is too modest to accept credit, according to Mrs. John Sullivan, Mr. Goodell got old building stone and put markers on all the graves at Smelser's Grove at the time when the cemetery was cleaned up.

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INDIANS ONCE ROAMED IN OLD SMELSER COMMUNITY

By Marion Mitchell Walker (She lives in Platteville.)

"One hundred seven years ago last February Calista DeLong Smelser, a girl-wife of sixteen years, looked sadly out from the window of her pioneer home about ten miles south of Platteville. The house was strongly built of logs, and as comfortable as it was possible for her husband, Jonas M. Smelser, to make it. Yet at night, the howling of wolves, and the occasional scream of panthers brought terror to her heart, for she was in the midst of her first sorrow. A few rods away, across a slight ravine she could see the new grave of her infant son.

"The stone marking that little grave reads, 'Infant son of J. M. and C. Smelser Died Feb. 18, 1832.' That grave was the beginning of the old Smelser cemetery, and according to John L. Grindell, secretary of the Grant County Historical society, as far as can be learned, it is the earliest stone to bear the date of death in Grant County.

"Recently, residents of Georgetown and vicinity, as well as others who are interested, have been putting a great deal of effort into cleaning and taking care of the cemetery. In doing this old memories have been revived, old tales retold, and information of interest uncovered, resulting in the story of Old Smelser, known since 1870 as Georgetown.

"As nearly as can be learned, Jonas M. Smelser and his wife, Calista DeLong Smelser, settled in the township which afterwards bore their name, about 1831. In the home with them were his father, Peter Smelser, whose headstone is so worn that the date of death seems to be 1819, but is more likely to be 1849. It is

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"evident that Mrs. Smelser's parents also shared her home, for Cornelius DeLong and his wife, Elizabeth, are also buried in the Smelser lot.

"Seven Die in Infancy

"Much sorrow came to the Jonas Smelser home for here, side by side, are the graves of their eight children, seven of whom died in infancy. It is said that the Smelsers buried their children nearby in order that the graves might be protected from the Indians. That may well have been, for the 1830's marked the period of the Black Hawk War, which followed so closely the Winnebago War of 1827. There was reason for these uprisings. In the great lead region which lay east of the Mississippi, the white miners were daily encroaching on territory which the Indians had mined for years in their primitive fashion.

"If a line were drawn on the map, from Elmo down the valley to the West, then on to Old Smelser, or Georgetown, it would show the old east and west Indian trail used by the Winnebagoes and other tribes of this section, at the time when the Smelser home was built. Then, continuing from Georgetown, the trail turned, bringing the red men out at the old Piddington cemetery down on Blockhouse. It takes a far stretch of the imagination to picture Indians filing through those valleys, yet Cookson Jones, who ninety years ago, built the home in which Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pierce now live, often told of the large Indian camping ground which once existed between his home and the former John Jones farm, now owned by Elmer Heins. To verify this, a great many arrows and other implements of Indian warfare have been turned up with the furrow from those particular fields. It is quite possible that the famous Winnebago Chief Red Bird, who travelled this section, once followed that old trail, proudly wearing, as was his custom, a red bird on each shoulder, in imitation of the white man's epaulet.

"The Smelser home, which stood northwest of the cemetery, has been gone for many years. Mrs. John Johns, whose home is the former Nadab Eastman home near Cuba City, states that she lived in the Smelser house the first three years following her marriage. At that time the walls of log had been covered with weather-boarding, but the floors of six-inch oak still remained. The late Miss Julia Williams at one time lived in the old home with her brother, Lewis, who married Amanda Smelser, one of the few Jonas Smelser children to survive infancy. Miss Williams recalled that the house at that time, was heated with Franklin stoves, a combination stove and fireplace. Leo Laird who lives near Cuba City, is the great-grandson of Calista DeLong Smelser. He remembers hearing his mother tell of the Black Hawk war days when Jonas Smelser worked all day in the fields on his farm, going at night to the stockade on the old McNett farm near Elmo, where Mrs. Smelser stayed for protection.

"There are living only a few people who can remember the Smelsers of seventy-five years ago. Among these few are Mr. and Mrs. James Nichols, formerly of Georgetown, who now make their home in the northern part of Platteville. Mrs. Nichols was the former Margaret McReynolds.

"'My father, Daniel Nichols, was a bound servant,' related Mr. Nichols. 'He came from England with his mother when a small boy, and was bound out in New York state until he was eighteen. For his labor, he received his board, a place to

"sleep, and three months of schooling in the winter time. After he was eighteen years old, and free, he worked several years at carpentry, along with a young friend by the name of Jerry Cummins, who hailed from northern Pennsylvania.

"Finally Jerry quit the trade, for he had heard wonderful stories of a place in the unsettled West where a man could earn a good living with nothing more than hands and a pickaxe. So Jerry came to Old Jimtown, which is now Louisburg, in this county, and built himself a little batch cabin, and became a miner.

"Letters went back and forth, and before long, my father was on his way to Wisconsin. I have often heard him tell of that trip by boat from New York, by way of the Great Lakes. Coming through the Straits of Mackinac was a stormy voyage. As night came on, the storm grew into a lashing gale, and the captains of the boats began quarrelling back and forth. Each boat had to wait its turn, and each captain was swearing about being the first to go through. Small boats were sent ahead with lanterns to show the way, and Father began to wonder if he would live to reach Jimtown and Jerry. His boat, at last, reached Green Bay, and he came on down to Portage, and walked to Jerry Cummin's cabin.

"When he had been at the cabin a few days, Jerry took him to Galena to see some horse races. My father could not believe what he saw there. Little boys of twelve or thirteen years were running around wanting to bet a whole sovereign on the races. A sovereign is almost five dollars. Father had never earned more than twelve dollars a month as a carpenter, so he asked Jerry how it could be possible for those boys to have so much money. Jerry told him, 'Anyone who can tend a windlass, or dig on a good rante, gets a dollar and a quarter a day.' That startled my father.

"The following Sunday Jerry and my father walked up to Kaysville, which was later named Big Patch, and Father hired out to Wm. Kay for a dollar a day and board. He was to run Kay's Pitts Power Threshing machine. The straw was hauled with a bucking pole. There aren't many folks now who know what a bucking pole is.

"After awhile Father brought a bride out from New York. At first she loved the prairie. It was covered with flowers then. But there came a time when she was so homesick that my father sent her back east for a visit. Soon he received a letter from her telling how much better it was to live in New York state, so he wrote her that if she could find a job for him, he would give up his threshing and mining, and join her there. He was waiting for her answer, when one day, there she was, without warning, back home near Big Patch. She said she kept thinking all the time about the wild flowers on the prairies, and had to come back.

"This was in the 1840's, when would-be miners waited impatiently on the banks of the river below Galena, for the puff of the slow steamer which would take them north to the lead region. When the ringing of a bell announced the arrival of the old steamboat, 'Warrior', the rugged miners would rush on board and fairly take possession. Each group of men had a watchword. 'On to Dubuque!', 'Forward to Snake Hollow', as Potosi was then called, or 'Hurrah for Hard Scrabble;' were shouted long and loud as the boat started north again.

"Not long after his marriage, Father bought an eighty of land that lay west of

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"Old Smelser. He paid the government \$1.25 an acre, and he plowed that eighty with four yoke of oxen. Lots of people told him he was crazy. 'This country will be deserted as soon as the lead mines are washed out', said one man. 'This country is too cold for farming.'

"Indians? As far back as I can remember, I've seen Indians file by our old home at Georgetown, when there were so many that it took them the whole day to pass. They never were mean, but they always begged. I recall one early evening in particular when I was a little shaver, maybe five years old. I came into the house and there stood a great big old red Indian in the kitchen. He had big gold hoops in his ears, and I felt a lot better when I found mother. He had a string of seven ponies with him, and had already, without asking, turned them into our pasture for the night. I remember of thinking that he had peculiar manners. He never said 'please', or 'Thank you', and he never passed food to anyone. When asked if he wanted to go to bed, he shook his head and pointed to the floor. He slept there on his blanket. In the morning he ate breakfast, caught his ponies, and rode out of the yard. He didn't say goodbye, nor look back.

"Capt. Nash was one of the earliest settlers in the village of Smelser. He lived in a big red house. Mrs. Nichols and I got our first schooling under a roof of that home about seventy-five years ago. Capt. Nash's funeral was one of the largest of its time. At least 100 teams followed him to the old Smelser cemetery. My older brothers and sister went to school in the Jonas Smelser home. I can remember very well seeing Mr. Smelser. He was an old man with long white hair, and walked with crutches. Her hair, too, was white as snow. As a little boy, he seemed so old to me that I thought he must have known Abraham. Several years ago I walked through the Smelser cemetery, and was surprised to read on the family tombstone that Jonas Smelser was only 68 years old when he died, and his white haired wife was only fifty. People aged early those days.

"Take all those old Georgetown families, the Lairds, the Brandons, the Cook Joneses, the Wilkinsons, and all the rest, they were the best people in the world. They never thought of such a foolish thing as asking a boy if he was hungry. They knew that a boy is always hungry, and brought him a big slice of bread and butter with sugar on it, just as soon as he came to visit them.'

"The Democrats Are Coming!"

"Mrs. Jane Douglas, remembered still by those who knew her as Grandmother Douglas, used to relate an amusing incident about Smelser. It occurred just before the Civil War, when the Smelser citizens, who were almost solidly Republican, had an exaggerated ideal of what a Democrat of that day was like. One day a report spread like wildfire through the countryside, that the Democrats were coming north, and were going to completely wipe out the pioneer village of Smelser. Men left their fields and arming themselves with muskets, pitchforks, scythes, and brush-hooks, and marched in a body to save poor Smelser -- only to find that they had taken the brunt of someone's joke. The Democrats never came.

"The Georgetown of fifty years ago was quite a trading center. It had a large wood yard, and at times of the year when men were not busy in their fields, a string of teams drawing woodracks might have been seen hauling cordwood or posts

"from Long Grove or the Big Platte. The wood was sold and the proceeds traded at the village stores.

"The Georgetown church of that day drew a membership from much of the township. Albert Kay, of Platteville, is the possessor of an old notebook which contains an account of the meetings and expenditures of the Georgetown Ladies Aid society of fifty-eight years ago. In the beautiful writing of Mrs. James Cabanis may be read the following: 'The Ladies of the Mite Society cleared at their fair and supper on the second day of December, 1881, \$141, which was to be used for procuring of a bell for the M.E. Church of Georgetown, Wisconsin.' Three years later, in 1884, the names of people who gave money for the building of a belfry to house the bell, were recorded. Following are the names, which represent many of the older families: J. Penberthy, Nadab Eastman, John Daniels, Frank Kay, Mrs. Joseph Kay, Robert Clark, Peter Nicklas, Peter Heil, J. H. Cabanis, Jas. P. Jones and Dr. James Oettiker, H. Gilmore, B. F. Salzman, John Watson, James Jeffry, F. Johns, Sr., John Eplett, Mrs. John May, C. G. Jones, G. E. Cabanis, David Walker, H. J. Witherbee, Allen Quick, Joseph Harris, Geo. P. Heil, Jos. Pinch, Meck Hillery, Ed. Osborn, Jas. Kay, Morris Hefferman, F. Jingles and F. Johns, Jr., F. Heil, Frank Jones, Carrie McReynolds, and Mrs. Susan Miller.

"Smelser Grove, Old Landmark

"When writing the story of a little country village, it is found that much of the interesting history must be gathered from the surrounding farm lands. This is true of Old Smelser. While the hills and valleys show very few structures which may be called landmarks, the land itself, seems sometimes to tell a story. Atty. A. W. Kopp, who, as a boy, played among the Smelser hills, states that at that time, there was a beautiful grove of oak and maple trees immediately northwest of the Smelser home. In his legal work it has often been necessary to look up Wisconsin's first maps. In the very oldest of these maps he has always found that spot marked 'Smelser's Grove'. During the Black Hawk War, troops of men passing through that vicinity, made that grove their camping site. For many years the annual Fourth of July celebration was held there, and, in the fall of the year, Grant Eastman, and many another boy, thought of Smelser's Grove as a hunting ground.

"At the foot of the hill northeast of the cemetery, the Madam's bridge crosses Snowden's branch. This bridge was named after the step-grandmother of G. C. Wilkinson's; and the remains of the Snowden furnace may be seen. Up the hill from the bridge, as a motorist drives toward the southwest, an old root cellar shows among the trees of the Harris pasture. That cellar is all that is left of the old Brandon home. Over on the old Cundy eighty near Georgetown, which Joe Burbach now owns, a fence of sod which years ago surrounded the entire eighty, may still be seen in places. This brings to mind a farm, a little further away in Smelser township, the old Bickel farm, which boasted a boundary fence of solid stone, and every bit of the stone was wheeled to its location by means of wheelbarrow. In addition to that a road was built across the farm, and that was flanked with stone.

"A few miles northeast of the cemetery, on the George Walker farm, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Delvin Reese, there are marks in the land which time has failed

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"to erase. Here is seventy-acre pasture of virgin prairie. The west of it is pock-marked with many digging holes, relics of the days when squatters mined it, and their cabins and shacks dotted the landscape. That was more than ninety-six years ago. Still across that pasture may be seen the famous old lead trails, made originally by ox-drawn wagons, which hauled lead to Straw's furnace at Platteville. There are still people living in this vicinity who will remember the well-known driver, Andy Shink, who hauled pig lead from Straw's down to Galena with his four-mule team picking up lead at the diggings on the way home. Yet there remains one still older story told on the surface of that big pasture. More than one hundred years ago, the paternal great-grandfather of Lester Conrad, of Big Patch, was having trouble scouring his plow. So he took it to this piece of virgin prairie and plowed two furrows entirely across the land. Those old furrows may be plainly seen today, running east and west, the length of the big pasture.

"To the north of the same pasture a clump of old lilacs mark the line fence. Here, many years ago, stood the little home of Mrs. Getty Bell, a widow who had come over from England with her ten children, among them the late Richard Bell of Platteville. In a log house which stood on the bank of Snowden's branch, where the windmill may now be seen at the Walker farm, was born one of the oldest living natives of Smelser township, Mrs. Sarah Walker Bell, whose home is in Darlington.

"Cemetery Remains As Landmark

"The cemetery itself, however, is the real remaining landmark. It is visible from the two highest hills on the road south of Big Patch, before the turn to the southwest is taken. It is understood that the Smelsers gave the west side of the cemetery, and the Lairds the east. It is evident that Smelser gave generously of her young manhood when her country called for help, for here lie fourteen soldiers. These are the inscriptions taken from the tombstones of veterans: R. F. Nash, Cap. 25th Regiment Wis. Vol., Fred Guldenpennig, Co. E. 13th U.S. Inf., John Reynolds, Civil War, Joel A. Fish, Co. I. 5th Wis. Inf., Robert McReynolds, Co. I. 25th Reg. Wis. Vol., William Neal, Co. C. and 7, Wis. Vol. Inf., W. A. Thomas, Co. C. 22nd U.S. Inf., Cornelius DeLong, War of 1812, B. F. Saltzman, Lieut. Civil War, Hiram Gilmore, Civil War, George Nicklas, Civil War, John Wynne, War of 1812, Daniel Butler, Co. I. 25th Wis. Inf., Erasmus Williams, Civil War. It seems only proper that the name of Charles E. Gilmore should be listed with those of the soldiers, for he lost his life while on duty as foreman of the Mound City Engine company at the time of the burning of the Forehand block, and is buried at Smelser.

"Here, strangely enough, may be seen two boulders, rolled up from the stream below to mark the graves of two travellers who died of cholera during that terrible epidemic. Allen and Morning Williams, the grandparents of Mrs. Richard Goodell, rest here, as well as her mother, Mrs. Hester Thomas, and the late Miss Julia Williams. Allen received his first name from a famous ancestor, Ethan Allen. The Nadab Eastmans are buried here, the Prettses, the Lairds, Hillarys, VanNattas, and the Perry Luces, grandparents of Mrs. Elsie Luce Pierce and Postmaster James Luce.

"Unquestionably, the heart of Old Smelser is the cemetery itself. After many years it is again being put into excellent shape, and is well cared for. That is as it should be, if for no other reason than because of the memory of the pathetically young but brave pioneer mother, who, with her husband, guarded the graves of her babies from Indians and wild animals more than one hundred years ago. Looking at these little mounds, which were the real beginning of Smelser, brings to mind a thought gleaned from a book many years ago. 'One of life's most supreme gifts is eternal youth for those who are called too soon.'"³²

JONAS MARKEE (or MARKEY -- pronounced MAR-KEE', as the family will tell you) and CALISTA DE LONG had issue:

- A. INFANT SON b. 2-18-1832 at Smelser's Grove, Wisc.; d. 2-18-1832; buried at the Smelser Cemetery at Georgetown. This is probably the oldest stone to bear date of death in Grant Co., Wisc.
- B. INFANT b. 2-21-1833 at Smelser's Grove, Wisc.; d. 2-21-1833; buried at the Smelser Cemetery.
- C. ELIZABETH SMELSER b. 11-1-1833 at Smelser's Grove, Michigan Territory; d. April, 1919. She m. 7-14-1853 REUBEN COOLEY. They had issue:
 - 1. IDA ARDELL COOLEY b. 5-8-1854 at Georgetown, Wisc.; d. 9-26-1933. She m. 12-25-1877 ARCHIBALD CONNELL b. 6-3-1845 at Shenango, N.Y.; d. 2-16-1913. He is the son of Luke Connell. Issue:
 - a. ELSIE PEARL CONNELL b. 8-5-1881 at Mt. Hope, Wisc.; d. 8-23-1952. She and her husband are buried at the Hermitage Cemetery in Mt. Hope. She m. 2-22-1905 at Mt. Hope EZRA BRUNSON ABRAHAM b. 7-9-1879 at Mt. Hope; d. 4-16-1943. He is the son of Andrew (b. 6-20-1850; d. 12-20-1928) and Aurelia Florence (Brunson) Abraham b. 11-29-1854; d. 12-10-1937. Ezra Brunson's paternal grandparents are Ezra and Margaret Ann (Tullock) Abraham. His maternal grandparents are Ira W. and Elmira (Benton) Brunson. Elsie Pearl's marriage with E. B. Abraham took place at the Connell home. Iss.:
 - i. WILMA FLORENCE ABRAHAM b. 4-28-1906 at Mt. Hope; m. 6-15-1927 at Mt. Hope WILLIAM LLOYD FEAKES b. 6-11-1902 at Stanleytown, Wisc., son of E. A. Feakes. Wilma Florence (Abraham) Feakes was educated in the public schools of Mt. Hope. She is a Methodist and a member of Washington Rebekah Lodge 156 at Mt. Hope, having held every office. She does volunteer work for the local children's home. Mrs. Feakes submitted the following as an incident she will never forget: "On March 21, 1943, my sister Evelyn Violet Wiest gave birth to twin daughters, Mary Jean and Marilyn Joyce. My sister almost died and was in the hospital at Waukesha, Wisc., where they lived until April 16, 1943. We lived in Mt. Hope, Wisc., and my folks lived one mile north of Mt. Hope, on the Cooley homestead. On April 16, the day my sister was going home from the hospital, my youngest brother Neil drove the car to take my mother to my sister's at Waukesha to help out in the home and take care of the twins. My Dad, sister Carol and I went along to see my sister and the babies. After leaving my mother at my sister's, we started home around 2 p.m. About twelve miles out of Wau-

"kesha a big truck ran into our car. My Dad and brother Neil were in the front seat and were killed instantly. My sister Carol, sitting in the back seat behind the driver died in the Waukesh hospital about a half hour later. I was sitting in the back seat but on the other side, so all I got was a broken and crushed leg just above the knee, a broken ankle, a broken left arm and a dislocated jaw. I can't understand why I wasn't killed too, unless I was saved to raise our children. After spending two weeks in the hospital at Waukesha, I was taken by ambulance to the farm home of my mother. After the funeral of my Dad, sister and brother, which was held in the high school gymnasium because the church wasn't big enough for such a big funeral. . ."

- WILMA and WILLIAM FEAKES' issue:
- i. NELDA JEAN FEAKES b. 5-23-1929 at Fennimore, Wisc.; m. 9-18-1953 at Rockford, Ill. DONALD SEITZ RANSOM b. 2-26-1921 at Mt. Ida, Wisc., son of Austin and Sylvia Ransom. The Rev. Luther Strommen officiated at the Feakes-Ransom wedding. Nelda Jean and Donald Ransom have the same hobbies: fishing and playing cards. They live at 730 Madison St., Fennimore, Wisc. Mrs. Feakes was graduated from Swedish-American Hospital School of Nursing in 1953. Issue:
 - i. JOYCE EILEEN RANSOM b. 10-21-1954 at Prairie Chein, Wisc.
 - ii. SUSAN ELAINE RANSOM b. 2-15-1958 at Lancaster, Wisconsin.
 - ii. LOREN WILLIAM FEAKES b. 9-13-1933 at Mt. Hope; m. 10-11-1952 at Muscoda Methodist Church SHIRLEY WILLIS b. 8-16-1934 at Richland Center, Wisc. Loren William Feakes is a licensed cheesemaker and lives with his family at 707 E. Main St., Waupun, Wisc. His hobbies are reading and music. Mr. Feakes is the 1960-61 president of Washington School PTA.
 - i. SHERYL YVONNE FEAKES b. 12-8-1956 at Waupun.
 - ii. DALE WILLIS FEAKES b. 10-4-1955 at Hampton, Ia.
 - iii. DOUGLAS WILLIAM FEAKES b. 9-11-1953 at Lanc.
 - iii. LLOYD MERLIN FEAKES b. 6-24-1936 at Mt. Hope; m. 11-8-1958 at Fennimore (by the Rev. Litchfield) PATRICIA A. BECKER b. 9-10-1932 at Stitzer, Wisc., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Becker. Lloyd M. Feakes spent 14 mos. in military service (Europe, 1956-58) and is currently an electrical engineering student at the University of Wisconsin. Address: 118 W. Broadway, Box 62, Madison, Wisc. Issue:
 - i. JEFFREY ARNOLD FEAKES b. 12-29-1960 at Madison.
 - iv. DARREL RAY FEAKES b. 9-3-1936 at Mt. Hope. He is a licensed cheesemaker. Address: Mt. Hope, Wisc.
 - ii. EVELYN VIOLET ABRAHAM b. 4-23-1910 at Mt. Hope; m. 6-3-1941 at Lancaster, Wisc. (St. Clements Church by Father Braun) MAYNARD WIEST b. 2-14-1909 at Cassville, Wisc.,

son of Ben and Margaret Wiest. Maynard Wiest spent two & one half years in the U.S. Army, W.W.II. He is a mechanic. Evelyn (Abraham) Wiest was educated in the public schools of Mt. Hope. She is a member of Christian Mothers, Catholic Daughters, Music Mothers (treasurer), St. Margaret's Study Club, Salmagundi Club (treasurer), and Women's Club (secretary). Address: Bloomington, Wisc. Issue:

- i. MARILYN JOYCE WIEST (twin) b. 3-21-1943 at Waukesha. She will attend Madison Business College in Sept., '61
- ii. MARY JEAN WIEST (twin) b. 3-21-1943 at Waukesha, will attend the Platteville College (teacher) in the fall of 1961. Both girls are honor roll high school students and have received awards in speaking contest, music festival, and band.

- D. SUSAN SMELSER b. 3-27-1836 at Smelser's Grove, Michigan Territory; d. 12-23-1915 at Loup City, Nebr. She m. 3-29-1855 ENOCH MILLER b. 9-2-1829; d. 5-14-1891; buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Platteville. Mr. R. T. Goodell wrote (11-29-1960): "This cemetery is joined on two sides by the campus of our Wisconsin Teachers State College and Institute of Technology at Platteville, and is surrounded on the other sides by the college farm. Just over the fence from Enoch Miller's grave a new one million plus dollar physical education building is being built at the present time. The stone at the grave reads as follows: Enoch Miller Sept. 2, 1829 May 14, 1891. It has been told this story about Enoch Miller. When he died he was first buried in the Smelser Cemetery at Georgetown. One of his sons was unbalanced mentally and went to the cemetery a few months later and dug up his father's coffin. A passerby was horrified to see the coffin up on end against the fence. Enoch was then reburied in Greenwood Cemetery. The Greenwood Cemetery records give this information about the Miller lot: It is the West $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 27 and was sold to Lorenz E. Miller on 11-30-91 for \$10.00. This seems to be proof of my story as this lot was not purchased until over six months after the death of Enoch. There are two other stones in this lot bearing the names of four young children of Enoch and Susan Miller. They are of marble and are so weathered that I could not read most of the inscriptions. Mrs. Marcia Grindell, Platteville, of our local monument works came to my rescue and Monday we went to the cemetery again. She used some impression paper which she placed over the inscriptions and rubbed the paper so that we were able to determine with reasonable certainty what the names and dates are. These stones must also have been moved from the Smelser cemetery." Note from Mr. Goodell: "Inscriptions on two stones in Enoch Miller lot in Greenwood Cemetery, Lonnie and Willie are on one stone which is older and more illegible than the other stone which has the names of Orra and Elmer." Susan Smelser was one of the first pupils taught in the log schoolhouse built in the spring of 1848, with George Dirlgley teacher. The schoolhouse burned down that same year and the pupils were taught in private houses until 1852 when another school bldg. was erected. This particular structure became (in 1860) the residence across from the site of the Arcade Hotel. It has been noted that Susan (Smelser) Miller rode a bicycle when a white-haired senior lady. Mr. R. T. Goodell has an excellent tintype of the Smelser-Miller wedding.

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1. LONNIE MILLER b. 1854; d. 10-7-1868 age 14-3-24. Buried at Greenwood
2. JOSEPHINE C. MILLER b. 9-20-1860; d. 2-19-1891. She m. JAMES OLIVER LAIRD of Cuba, Wisc., son of Hugh and Nancy Laird. Both Josephine and James Oliver are buried at the Smelser Cemetery. Issue:
 - a. LEO P. LAIRD b. 12-3-1881; d. 4-26-1957. He m. ELAINE M. _____ b. 11-28-1885; d. 12-12-1944. Both are buried at Methodist Cemetery at Benton, Wisc. Issue:
 - i. HUBERT LAIRD who lives at Benton, Wisc.
 - b. LESSIE LAIRD m. _____ HAWTHORNE.
3. EUGENE MILLER m. ANNIE _____ and they lived on a farm near Loup City.
 - a. WARREN MILLER (twin) a professional wrestler. He was a pupil of the great Farmer Burns. In 1912 Warren Miller wrestled (at Loup City) Joe Strecher who was to become world champion.
 - b. ORIN MILLER (twin)
 - c. CLARENCE EARL MILLER who d. in the U.S. Navy in 1917/18.
 - d. MARIE MILLER m. JOHN HATCH. They lived on a farm in Falls City, Nebraska.
 - e. MALE
4. WILLIE MILLER d. 10-8-1862. Buried at Greenwood Cemetery.
5. ORRA MILLER b. 1876; d. 11-27-1877 age 1-1-26. Buried at Greenwood.
6. ELMER MILLER b. 1868; d. 11-13-1877 age 9 yrs. 2 days. Greenwood Cem.
- E. CALISTA SMELSER b. 10-20-1838 at Smelser's Grove; d. 12-13-1856.
- F. CATHERINE SMELSER b. 8-12-1840 at Smelser's Grove; d. 9-2-1840.
- G. HENRY SMELSER b. 8-14-1841 at Smelser's Grove; d. 8-22-1841.
- H. ELIZA SMELSER b. 11-24-1842 at Smelser's Grove; d. 1917 at Fall Brook, Calif., and is buried (unmarried) at the Masonic Cemetery in Fall Brook. She was a Campbellite. Mrs. John Sullivan wrote that Eliza was engaged to be married, but her young man was killed in the Civil War.
- I. OBED SMELSER b. 5-21-1845 at Smelser's Grove; d. 6-15-1891. He m. 12-25-1866 RACHEL EVA SHIRIGLEY a native of Ohio, who d. 10-6-1887. Both are buried in Luverne, Minn. Obed Smelser lived most of his life in Georgetown, in the frame house built by Jonas Smelser, his father. Issue:
 1. HIRAM J. (HAL) SMELSER a slender, serious man who lived on a farm adjoining Harry's. Another address was Ft. Collins, Colo. He m. DELIA _____ a plump, good-natured woman. They had 12 children:
 - a. GUY SMELSER a veteran of W.W.I. who d. ca 1946 at Ft. Collins.
 - b. REVA SMELSER
 - c. LEAH SMELSER
 - d. WILMA SMELSER
 - e. STELLA SMELSER
 - f. BELVA SMELSER b. ca 1900 and living at Catalina Island, Calif.
 - g. VIOLET SMELSER
 - h. EVELYN SMELSER
 - i. HALLIE SMELSER
 - j. MAXINE SMELSER
 - k. YVONNE SMELSER
 - l. ROMA RAE SMELSER
 2. MILDRED SMELSER m. G. W. WRIGHT. It has been said she malingered in bed for 21 years.
 3. MAUDE SMELSER
- J. AMANDA SMELSER b. 5-11-1847 at Smelser's Grove; d. 3-22-1897 at Loup City,

age 49-10-11. She m. 6-2-1869 at Hazel Green, Wisc., LEWIS ALLEN WILLIAMS, descendant of Ethan Allen. Lewis Allen Williams was b. 5-7-1840 at Lawrence Co., Ill.; d. 1 a.m. on Friday, 3-28-1924 after an illness of several months' duration. A newspaper article dated 4-4-1924, from Nebraska, stated: "The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the Liberty Theatre. The reason for holding it from the opera house was that none of the churches in the city were large enough to accommodate the large crowd that attended. Rev. Chamberlain of the Methodist church preached the sermon, which was full of admonition and praise for the departed. The I.O.O.F. lodge was in charge of the funeral and the pall bearers were members of the American Legion consisting of Chas. May, A. Gdanitz, Earl Hancock, Eric Olson, Dr. A. E. Richards and Ray Oltman.

"The service at the grave was conducted in military order, taps were sounded and a salute was fired and the body slowly lowered into its last resting place.

"The passing of Uncle Lew takes from our midst an old familiar character who was loved by men in all stations of life, a man who was past eighty years and still active. For a number of years he had the distinction of being the oldest sheriff in the United States. As an officer he was an expert in handling prisoners and though firm he never had any serious trouble in his nineteen years as Sheriff of Sherman County. Politically he was a Republican and most of the time he ran on that ticket and on one occasion he ran by petition and it did not make any difference what ticket he ran on, if he had his name on the ballot he was elected.

". . .In 1861 he answered the call to arms and entered the service of his country on August 19th of that year in Company C of the 7th Regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers, which afterwards became a part of the distinguished Iron Brigade. He saw active service in such engagements as the 2nd battle of Bull Run, South Mountains, Johnsonville, and others. He was sent to a hospital because of illness, but slipped away from the hospital with several companions on the eve of the battle of Antietam and joined his regiment in time to take part in the battle the next day. Following the battle he was sent back to a hospital in Washington D.C. where he remained until his discharge from the army on account of disability January 26, 1863. He remained at home until August 29, 1864, when he reinlisted in Company B, 43 Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He was made First Sergeant of this Company November 1st, 1864, and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant of the same in June 1865. He marched through Washington D.C. in the Grand Review before President Lincoln at the close of the war. He was honorably discharged June 24, 1865.

". . .In 1903 he was elected sheriff of Sherman County, and served in that capacity for 19 years. He retired from that office at the close of his last term in January 1923.

"During the World War he served on the Draft Board, and took a sincere and personal interest in all the boys who entered the service of his country. He was a member of I.O.O.F. for over 48 years, and was a mem-

ber of the G.A.R. for some years. He was characterized by an unusual ability to make friends, by conscientious patriotism, practical generosity, and by his love of children and interest in young folks. He will be remembered by his grandchildren as a genuine friend and pal. He never became as old in mind and body as he was in years." Mr. Williams served as marshall of Loup City for six years dating from 1885. This activity succeeded his post-war years in the revenue service when he "chased moonshiners for three years in Alabama and Georgia." Lewis Allen Williams is the son of Allen Grey Williams (b. 1804; m. 1834 probably in Indiana) Mourning Gregory Kiney (b. 1818) who moved to the Territory of Wisconsin in 1845. Mrs. Stanley Collins submitted the following account (told to her by her mother) of how her grandparents met: "Amanda's father Jonas was a tailor and when Lew Williams got out of the service after the Civil War, he went there to have a new suit of clothes made for him." Mrs. Collins further wrote: She told me that Jonas Smelser was a strict disciplinarian -- that his children never dared talk above a whisper in the house. that the girls and their mother never sat down at the table with the father and brothers but waited upon them, body and soul, and ate after the men were through." AMANDA and COLONEL WILLIAMS are buried at the Protestant Cemetery in Loup City, Nebr. Issue:

1. NINA MAE WILLIAMS d. 6-14-1923 age _____. Buried Evergreen Cemetery, Loup City, Nebraska.
2. MYRTLE CALISTA WILLIAMS b. 1-6-1873 in Grant Co., Wisc.; d. 12-1-1938 at the State TB Hospital at Kearney, Nebr. She m. 6-26-1895 at Loup City, Nebr., HANSFORD JAY COLE b. 5-25-1869 in Porter Co., Ind.; d. 10-11-1941 in Broken Bow, Nebr., of cancer of the stomach. He was a laborer, public official and merchant. Hansford Jay Cole's parents are David Payne Cole (b. 12-21-1833 in Henry Co., Ohio; d. 4-7-1893) and Lucy Garvey (b. 7-4-1838 at Crown Point, Ind.; d. 5-21-1919). They were m. 10-31-1854 at Eagle Creek Twp., Lake Co., Ind. David Payne Cole's parents are Sally Dillingham b. 1810 and Edward Payne Cole b. 1807. Lucy Garvey's parents are Elizabeth Code (b. in Ireland) and Duncan Garvey (b. in Canada). Myrtle Calista (Williams) Cole taught in the rural schools of Sherman Co., Nebr. She d. 1:45 a.m. from a pulmonary hemorrhage, and was buried in Evergreen Cem. where her husband was placed three years later. Issue:
 - a. ALLEN PAYNE COLE b. 12-11-1897 at Loup City; d. 1-11-1951 at Grand Island, Nebr.; buried at Broken Bow Cemetery. He m. CLARA PARKER who now lives with her son Robert Allen at Box 469, Red Cloud, Nebr. ALLEN PAYNE and CLARA (PARKER) COLE had issue:
 - i. ROBERT ALLEN COLE b. 1922. Served in European Theatre in W.W.II. Address: Box 469, Red Cloud, Nebr.
 - ii. JAMES LEWIS COLE b. 1924. Served in European Theatre in W.W.II.
 - b. JENNIE LEOTA COLE b. 5-18-1899 at Loup City; m. 6-30-1926 at Holdrege, Nebr., DR. EARL DEAN RICHARDS b. 1894 at Gresham, Nebr. They were married by the Rev. W. G. Bliss in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Earl Dean Richards received his D.V.M. from Kansas City Veterinary College, and is a federal meat inspector. Jennie Leota (Cole) Richards attended State Teachers' College in Kearney and taught school from 1916-21. She was Deputy County Clerk from

- 1925-28. Her hobbies are reading, especially history and biography. She has held various offices in the local Women's Soc. of Christian Service of Methodist Churches in the several towns where she has lived. Earlier she belonged to Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and held most of the elective offices in turn. She is now a member of American Legion Auxiliary. She recalls that "she once shook hands with William Jennings Bryan after a political rally in Bebraska. I was just a child, and I knew he wasn't of 'our' political persuasion, but I also knew he was a national figure, and I had enjoyed his oratory." The Richards lived at 2424 N. 57th St., Milwaukee, Wisc., until the first of 1961, at which time they moved to Fort Atkinson, Wisc. Adopted child:
- i. ALLEN LLOYD RICHARDS b. 4-1-1931 in Minnesota. He is a speech therapist and is working on his Ph. D. at the University of Wisconsin. Allen Lloyd Richards received his A.B. from University of North Dakota and M.A. from Purdue University. Address: 2715 Gregory St., Madison, Wisc.
- c. CALLA MAE COLE b. 11-30-1900 at Loup City, Nebr.; m. 6-16-1920 at Loup City in the Methodist parsonage CLINTON LAWRENCE PETERSEN b. 1897 at Loup City. He is a farmer. Calla Mae (Cole) Petersen is an outstanding poet and newspaper writer (reporter and columnist). She worked for the Kearney Daily Hub 1948-56, and has since been on the staff of the Roseville (Calif.) Daily Press. She was educated in the public schools of Loup City and the Kearney State Teachers College, where she majored in English. She was state president of Ars Poetica 1945-46 and member of Poet Laureate and Ars Poetica from 1943-44. She was winner of numerous poetry awards during the years 1943-46. Her publication of poems, Cache of Light, was printed by The Hub Printing Company of Kearney, Nebr., 1952. (see page 30) Subject is a member of the First Methodist Church, Chaparrol Poets and Creative Writers Study Group of Kearney. She has read original poetry at meetings of Nebraska Writers Guild, Lincoln, and other writers' groups. Address: 206 Willow Avenue, Roseville, Calif. Issue:
- i. NORMAN CLINTON PETERSEN m. 8-19-1951 at Indianapolis, Ind. DORIS MARIE SMITH who attended the Nebraska State Teachers College. Norman Clinton Petersen received his B.S. in Education in 1951 from Nebraska State Teachers College, and B.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1958 from California State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo. Issue:
 - i. MARION PETERSEN b. 1952
 - ii. DAVID PETERSEN b. 1953
 - iii. RICHARD PETERSEN b. 1954
- d. HARRIET ISABEL COLE b. 6-23-1902 at Sherman Co., Nebr.; m. 1925 WARREN MARSHALL, farmer. Address: 224 E. 26th St., Kearney.
- i. LOIS MARSHALL
 - ii. ROBIN MARSHALL
 - iii. RUDYARD MARSHALL
- e. LOIS ALTA COLE b. 4-2-1904 at Loup City; m. (1) 1924 FLOYD M. CARROLL who d. 1926 (2) 1940 LEONARD WOLFE; divorced 1942 (3) 2-1-1945 at Kearney ARIAN HEMPEL JONES b. 11-1-1890 at Loup City,

- son of James W. Jones. They were m. in the Methodist parsonage by the Rev. Roy N. Spooner. Arian Hempel Jones attended Nebraska Agricultural University at Lincoln. His occupation is farming & ranching. Lois Alta (Cole) Jones attended Kearney State Teachers College and taught school 1922-27. She was Deputy County Treas. 1928-40 and 1942-45. She is a member of the Methodist Church, having served as treasurer, Sunday School teacher and choir. She has been active with Eastern Star and American Legion Auxiliary. Her hobbies are reading and church activities. She wrote, "William Jennings Bryan, Democratic candidate for President in 1908, patted me on the head when I was four years old." Address: Rte. 3, Box 62, Ozark, Ark. There were no issue.
- f. JESSIE ORA COLE b. 5-29-1906 at Loup City; m. 1926 FRED M. KEE. She is active in Red Cross and PTA. Address: 711 Grove Street, Austin, Minn. JESSIE ORA (COLE) and FRED M. KEE had issue:
- i. ROMA CAROLYN KEE m. Sunday, 8-12-1956 at Detroit Lakes, Mich. JOHN C. JACOBY, JR. Roma Carolyn received her A.B. in Social Service from the MacAlister College.
 - ii. ARTHUR HAGER KEE (adopted son of Jessie's sister, Myrtle Alberta). Arthur Hager Kee was with the U.S.A.F.
- g. JOSEPH LEWIS COLE b. 9-12-1908 in Loup City; m. VIOLA MORRISON. He is a theatre manager in Kearney and is a member of Rotary and Commercial Club. Address: 821 S. 20th St., Fort Dodge, Iowa.
- i. DANNY COLE, adopted.
- h. MATTIE KATHALEEN COLE b. 5-2-1910 at Loup City; m. 3-29-1935 at Loup City STANLEY COLLINS b. 10-9-1910 at North Loup. The wedding was held in the Methodist Church with the Rev. Carter officiating. Mr. Collins is a farmer. He attended the Grand Island Business College, and is the son of Ralph and Ellen Collins. Subject attended Nebraska State Teachers College. She taught elementary school for two years. Address: R.R. 1, Elm Creek, Nebr.
- i. KATHLEEN ELLEN COLLINS b. 10-11-1937 at Loup City; m. 6-7-1959 at Kearney (Methodist Church, the Rev. Moon) EDGAR LE-ROY GIFFORD b. 3-27-1937. Edgar teaches Industrial Arts & English. Kathleen Ellen is an honor student at Nebraska State College where she will be graduated in 1961, majoring in Music Education. She belongs to two honorary fraternities: Delta Omicron (music) and Xi Phi (scholarship and leadership); is President of Wesley Fellowship and Secretary of Music Education. Address: Elwood, Nebraska.
(NOTE: Her mother, Mattie Kathaleen Collins, is President of Extension Club, Secy.-Treas. of the Neighborhood Club, Parliamentarian for the Toastmistress Club, County Secy.-Treas. for the Farm Bureau Board of Directors, and is active with the county Red Cross Chapter.)
- i. MYRTLE ALBERTA COLE b. 3-14-1914 at Loup City m. (1) 1932 at Lexington, Nebr. WILLIAM HAGER b. 1913 (2) JAMES DARNELL b. 1914. James Darnell is M/Sgt. in the U.S.A.F. at Owatonna, Minn., and has been in the service for about 20 years. Subject is a Grey Lady in the American Red Cross Volunteers program and a Girl Scout leader. When she and her husband were in Japan, they serv-

- ed as members of the Senior Council of Teen Clubs and spent many hours chaperoning teen-aged activities. M/Sgt. Darnell was sent to Tache Kawa, Japan, in Feb., 1954, by the Air Force. Mrs. Darnell followed in June, 1954, with the two daughters and Floyd. Address: 49711 Fuller St., Mt. Clemens, Mich. Issue:
- i. CARL CAY HAGER b. 2-3-1935 at Loup City. He is unmarried and is in the U.S.N. at Indianapolis, Ind.
 - ii. FLOYD SAMUEL HAGER DARNELL b. 8-21-1938 at Kokomo, Ind., is unmarried and at the U.S. Air Force Base in Little Rock, Ark. He is airplane mechanic and has been on tour in Labrador.
 - iii. ARTHUR HAGER KEE b. 10-13-1940 at Kokomo, is the adopted child of the Kees (see above), and is a fireman at the Air Force Base in Alaska. Address: A.P.O. 723, Seattle, Wash.
- MYRTLE ALBERTA (COLE) and JAMES DARNELL had issue:
- iv. SUSAN DARNELL b. 10-15-1949 at Mt. Clemens, Mich.
 - v. PATRICIA DARNELL b. 4-16-1953 at Mt. Clemens, Mich.
 - j. INFANT DAUGHTER b. 1916; d. 2-3-1916 age 10 days.
3. LEWIS MARKEE WILLIAMS b. 9-19-1875 at Grant Co., Wisc.; d. Saturday, 4-16-1938 age 62-6-28, at the Lutheran Hospital in Grand Island, Nebr. He m. 10-27-1908 ELLA N. FOSTER b. 2-15-1888 at Arcadia, Nebr., daughter of Carrie E. Kent (b. 4-28-___ at Binghampton, N.Y.; m. 2-25-___ at Binghampton; d. 2-15-1936 at Portland, Ore.) and Fred F. Foster (b. 3-21-___ in Pa.; d. 10-13-1936 at Loup City. Fred F. Foster is the son of Emeline Follet (b. in Pa. and a direct descendant of the New York Tiffany family) and Edgar M. Foster, farmer. Lewis Markee Williams was a mail carrier for 30 years. His early youth was spent in Wisconsin and he moved to Nebraska when 11 years old. He and his parents settled in Loup City where subject spent his remaining life. "On June 1, 1908 he began carrying mail on the newly established Route No. 3, which he continued to carry for 23 years and then he was transferred to Route No. 1, which he conscientiously carried up to within a month of his death." LEWIS MARKEE and ELLA N. (FOSTER) had issue:
- a. LEWIS LEROY WILLIAMS b. 11-6-1909 at Loup City; m. BERNETTA GRACE ARASMITH, daughter of Lena H. (Tuttle) and Ben B. Arasmith. The wedding ceremony was performed by Judge Hansen. Lewis Leroy was employed by the Bellevue School District in maintenance. He then ranched in Nebraska until 1944, at which time he moved to Washington. He is a member of I.O.O.F. Address: 5787 N.E. Willows Rd., Box 553, Redmond, Washington. LEWIS LEROY and BERNETTA had issue:
 - i. RICHARD DARRELL WILLIAMS b. 2-24-1928 at Broken Bow, Nebr.; m. ELOISE _____. Issue:
 - i. PURINA MARIE WILLIAMS b. 1958
 - ii. ROBERT LEE WILLIAMS b. 9-5-1929 at Loup City; m. ANN _____.
 - i. TED LEE WILLIAMS
 - ii. THAD ALLEN WILLIAMS
 - iii. LEONARD LEROY WILLIAMS b. 3-17-1931 at Loup City; m. NORMA.
 - i. PAMELA WILLIAMS
 - ii. BRAD LEE WILLIAMS
 - iv. SHIRLEY JOANNE WILLIAMS b. 8-10-1933 at Loup City; m. DUANE HALL. They had issue:

- i. MITCHELL HALL
 - ii. FEMALE
 - b. FARNUM EDGAR WILLIAMS b. 11-7-1910; m. LAURA BOUVEY, a school-teacher. Farnum Edgar Williams worked for the government in forest service and was then transferred to Biological Survey. He left the latter in June of 1931 and "rode my horse home -- 350 miles through sand hills of Nebraska -- where houses are as far apart as cities in the ocean -- in places the sand houses are over 40 miles apart." He then went into the bakery business (in 1931) and lived in the northeastern part of the town of Loup City. There were no issue.
 - c. LUCILLE CARRIE WILLIAMS b. 1912 m. EDWIN TRAFFER. She is a registered nurse and received her training at St. Francis in Grand Island, Nebr. LUCILLE CARRIE and EDWIN TRAFFER had issue:
 - i. DONALD CARL TRAFFER
 - ii. FLOYD ALLEN TRAFFER
 - iii. DONNA RAE TRAFFER
 - d. FRANK DONALD WILLIAMS m. EVELYN _____. They live at Hollywood, Calif. Issue:
 - i. MALE
 - ii. FEMALE
 - e. WILLIAM LLOYD WILLIAMS b. 1-18-1916 at Loup City; m. 12-23-1939 at Las Vegas, Nevada IRENE EMILY BUSKE b. 2-18-1915 at Ravenna, Nebr., daughter of William Buske. The marriage ceremony was performed by a Methodist minister. William Lloyd Williams was Sgt. in the U.S. Army W.W.II, serving in Japan and the Phillipines. He has received safety awards from the government and five bowling awards. His hobbies: fishing and bowling. He is a member of the American Legion, the Isaac Walton League, and V.F.W. He is employed at the Morton Air Force Base, and has been an aeronautical engineer for 20 years. Address: 3189 Mary St., Riverside, Calif. WILLIAM LLOYD and IRENE (BUSKE) WILLIAMS' issue:
 - i. KAREN KAY WILLIAMS b. 2-16-1943 at Riverside, Calif.
4. EDNA AMANDA WILLIAMS b. 5-11-1879 at Platteville; d. 3-13-1960. She m. 6-28-1905 at Loup City OLIVER OTIS HOWARD b. 1878 and living at 200 N. Main Street, Newberg, Ore. Oliver Otis Howard is an engineer and millright. He was founder and president of the Pacific Coast Mixer Co., and inventor and patenter of revolutionary milling machinery. Previously he designed and built many flour mill plants in the Middle West and municipal power systems, after designing and building the dams and lakes. Edna Amanda (Williams) Howard was a Methodist. She is buried in the vault at Valley View Memorial Park. Subject taught school in Nebraska for nine years and was past-president of Union Daughters of American Veterans in Newberg. EDNA AMANDA and OLIVER OTIS HOWARD had issue:
- a. DORIS AMANDA HOWARD b. 1906; m. 1929 RUSSEL ALFORD PIERSON who is a mountain climber (hobby). Address: 1227 N.E. Ainsworth, Portland, Ore. Issue:
 - i. RUSSEL HOWARD PIERSON b. 1932
 - ii. ELLERY MERWIN PIERSON b. 1935; m. 1958 BARBARA WEBER. Ellery Merwin was graduated from Portland State College with

his mother (Doris Amanda Pierson) in 1957. Issue:

- i. SUZANNE CHRISTINE PIERSON b. 1959.
- b. ELLA MARJORIE HOWARD b. 1908; m. 1939 in a Civil rites ceremony in the west and at "Little Church Around the Corner" (New York City) JOHN B. GJERULDSSEN. They were divorced in 1951. John B. Gjeruldsen was b. in Brooklyn, N.Y., and attended elementary sch. in Norway. He then returned to the U.S. and finished his schooling, and was graduated from Capitol Engineering Institute, Washington, D.C. He is a licensed broadcasting, radar, and electrical engineer. He is a member of the U.S. Maritime Service Reserve in which he was Lieutenant during W.W.II. Currently he is Chief Radio Officer of the Grace Line ship, "S.S. Santa Isabel." Before the war he was with WOR-Mutual and WNYC-NY radio station as a transmitter engineer. Ella Marjorie (Howard) Gjeruldsen was listed in Who's Who Among American Women in 1958 (p. 611): "Advt. exec.; b. Ashton, Nebr., d. Oliver Otis and Edna (Williams) Howard student Williamette University, Columbia; m. John Bernard Gjeruldsen, 8-12-1939 (divorced Oct., 1951); one dau Carol. Editor, advt mgr. Sackett Newspaper Enterprises, 1931-34; account mgr. Pentland Advt. Agy., Portland, Ore., also br mgr Bon Marche, Seattle, 1936-38, Oppenheim Collins 1939; promotion mgr House and Garden, Glamour, Conde Nast Publs., 1940-43; dir. prog sales presentations CBS, 1943-51; Publicity dir. Ellington & Co., advt. agy., NYC, 1951-54, V.P., Coordinator of advt., promotion, merchandising, publicity, 1954 --. Mem. Fashion Group, Nat. Home Fashions League, Am. Women in Radio and Television." From 1941-44 she was a volunteer member of the New York City Air Raid Warden Service. She has received various national awards for advertising work and has published many writings. She has travelled in Canada, Mexico, Panama, Haiti, and Honduras. In April of 1959 she opened her own insurance business. She is licensed by New York state as a general insurance broker; and is licensed by New York and California as a Life and Annuities specialist. Address: Apt. 7-C, 420 Riverside Drive, New York 25, N.Y. Issue:
 - i. CAROL HOWARD GJERULDSSEN b. 1944 in New York City.
- c. THOMAS WILLIAMS HOWARD b. 1910; m. 1935 GENEVIEVE RIFE GRANGER.
 - i. JEANINE ANNETTE HOWARD b. 1940; m. 1960 WAYNE BLACKWOOD.
 - ii. THOMAS DOUGLASS HOWARD b. 1943.
- d. MYRTLE JEAN HOWARD b. 7-2-1912 at Central City, Nebr.; d. of whooping cough 12-30-1915 at 5:40 p.m., age 3-7-28. She is buried next to her grandmother at the Evergreen Cemetery.
- K. JOSEPH SMELSER b. 1-14-1849 at Smelser's Grove; d. 8-29-1850.
- L. HORATIO SMELSER b. 12-26-1851 at Smelser's Grove; d. 10-16-1918 at Los Angeles. He m. (1) EMMA C. WILSON (2) EMILIE C. HENRICHSSEN. His first marriage was at Dubuque, Iowa on 6-23-1875. Emma died of TB of the bone 5-27-1898, at Ashton, Nebr. She is buried there at Lone Elm Cemetery. Horatio m. Emilie 10-4-1899 at Omaha, Nebr. Emilie Cecilie Henrichsen is the daughter of Christian Christoph and Katharina Dorothea (Scheel) Henrichsen. The Henrichsens were European emigrants, coming from Germany. Christian Christoph was b. 8-13-1835 at Copenhagen. Katharina was b. 5-30-1845 in Wester Markelsdorf, on the island of Fehmarn. Again we turn

to Obed Everett Smelser's inimitable description of his father, Horatio: "My father. . .who always signed himself simply H. Smelser, was a conventional small-town American Business Man, strong-willed, stern, and just. He was always highly respected by his community, his neighbors, and his relatives.

"During his life, at one time or another he was a farmer, a merchant, a county official (Sherman Co., Nebr.), a state legislator (Nebraska), a gold prospector. On the side, he was an inventor and a horologist. He was at home as much with carpenters' tools as with those of the watch-maker. He was partner or officer or financier in various business enterprises. He was absentee landlord of farms, and a banker. But mostly and finally, though not so obviously, he was a real-estate speculator -- being a typical American Business Man.

"Racially, he was of the lean, tall (just 6 feet, himself), red-haired Teutonic type, the dominating kind who conquer and rule. He had brown eyes, however, as I do myself. He had a Roman nose, its end a little thick rather than pointed. His chin had somewhat of a cleft. The hair above his forehead, probably naturally tending to grow forward, usually - combed back - became a pompadour. He was slender when young, and though he widened out in middle age, he was always spare rather than plump.

"He never wore false teeth; he did not lose his own. But in his old age they were yellow and loose in their sockets. He did not believe brushing teeth preserved them, and would not brush his.

"He was upright: erect in posture and inflexibly honest in character.

". . .He was a member of the church, variously called the Disciples of Christ, or the Christian Church. . .Horatio chose to live always in small towns, where he could follow the money-making custom common to business men during the period in which he lived. That custom was to buy acreage around the town; then, as a business man full of civic spirit, be a 'booster', to draw increased population. . .

"When my father died, he was worth monetarily a hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars; dollars then having a value such that two would hire the day's labor of a man.

". . .Horatio never attended a university. Instead, with a business career in view, he went to business college. All his life he expressed disdain for regular colleges; not that he wanted to decry education, but that he believed the liberal arts to be but spurious education. He ridiculed diplomas.

"Likely his business college was in either Fennimore or Madison, Wisconsin; or in Dubuque, Iowa.

"He was musically inclined when young. An old family album in the possession of my sister Emma has a tintype picture of a brass band. Second

"from the left is Horatio with a cornet. . .Some time during his life, Horatio took a fling at prospecting for gold. His venture was made in Colorado, either near Pueblo or near Leadville, I think the latter. I do not know when it was, but it may have included the winter of 1886-7, for a picture which was his, of Little Chief Iron Spring, Manitou Springs, Colorado, is dated 4-8-87 in what looks to me to be his own handwriting.

"He got experience, but little gold, from this. I remember his saying that he learned to keep relatively warm at night by sleeping at the bottom of a hole dug down to the ground in a very deep snow drift. The miners went about in winter with sticks of dynamite in their pockets, to keep the stuff from freezing. If some dynamite was frozen, it would be thawed out by laying the sticks of it out in a neat row on top of a hot iron stove. This dangerous-looking expedient caused tremors and bulging eye-balls in tenderfeet seeing it for the first time. But if the stuff got too hot, papa explained to me, it was liable only to burn rather than explode -- as a rule."

Uncle Rash, as he was known to the immediate members of his family, founded the Ashton Bank in 1888. He became a certified Notary Public in the same year. In _____ he established the Commercial Bank of Fall Brook, Calif. Other business enterprises included financial partnership of a drug store, ownership of a flour mill at Ashton, financial interest in the General Merchandise store of G.W. Marvel & Co. (Ashton), and stockholder and treasurer of the Ashton Butter and Cheese Manufacturing Co. (1901-07) From his obituary, forwarded by Mrs. John Sullivan, it is noted that Mr. Smelser was "quite instrumental in the promotion of the canneries now owned by the Fallbrook Grower's Association, also the Fallbrook Citrus Association packing house, and the securing of the Santa Fe railroad into the town of Fallbrook, in fact, all his life he was recognized as being progressive in any community interest. . .Out of respect to Mr. Smelser every business house in the city was closed during the hours of the funeral and the church crowded with his neighbors and friends who came to pay their last respects to his memory and acquaintance."

Horatio Smelser was a Freemason, Royal Arch, Knight Templar and Shriner. He was a member of the Christian Church. His political affiliation was Republican, and he ran for the State Legislature in a Democratic district. He announced "that if they wanted him to be their Representative, Democrats would have to vote for him, knowing that he would remain a Republican. They did, and he was off to Lincoln, a member of the House of Representatives in 1905, the 29th Session."³³

It would be a mistake to pass up the whimsical story of Horatio's beard (as told by his son, Obed). The anecdote is as much a tribute to raconteur Obed E. Smelser as a completion of the portrait of his father. "The kind of labor to which his boyhood had perforce been devoted had become much less to his liking than the occupation of business man. Everything seemed to conspire against him as a farmer. His beard by now was long and red. The prairie winds blew it about; it interfered with the farm work. But he kept it; it was a part of him; the farm work was not.

"One day, stapling wire to his fence posts, as the wind blew his beard about, Horatio found he had nailed it also to the post. Here was the culminating indignity. One could farm, one could wear a long red beard, but one couldn't do both together. He made:

- (1) his choice in favor the beard, and
- (2) a wrathful vow to farm no more.

He rented the land to someone, and moved to Loup City, the county seat of Sherman County." HORATIO and EMMA C. (WILSON) SMELSER had issue:

1. WILLIAM MARKEY SMELSER b. 9-2-1876 at Williams, Ia.; d. 2-12-1931 from a stroke which had left him paralyzed while in San Diego, Calif. He and his wife are buried in the Masonic Cemetery at Fall Brook. He m. a schoolteacher, ALPHARETTA FAIR, of near Ashton, Nebr. She was b. 5-18-1873 and d. in San Diego 5-3-1938. William Markey Smelser was a banker, photographer, and a Freemason. He attended the College of Agriculture of the University of Nebraska. When he moved to Fall Brook with Horatio, he took his car apart and hid it among the pieces of furniture which were shipped west. WILLIAM MARKEY and ALPHARETTA (FAIR) SMELSER had issue:
 - a. HORATIO SMELSER b. probably in Rockville, Nebr.; d. in infancy and is probably buried in Rockville.
 - b. REA SMELSER b. 3-4-1905; m. FRANK CLOSE, a music teacher in San Diego. Address: Mission Beach, California.
 - c. CLIFFORD SMELSER b. 10-2-1908; m. 1959 or 1960.
2. FEMALE b. 9-28-1879 in Williams, Ia.; d. 10-2-1879 at Williams. The body was buried there and later moved to Ashton, Nebr.
3. ROBERT OBED SMELSER b. 11-15-1882 at Lone Elm, Ia.; d. 5-15-1890 at Ashton Twp., Nebr., and is buried at the latter location.
4. HARRY HORATIO SMELSER b. 2-26-1886 at Loup City; m. (1) DOT FAIR b. 1885 in Wisc., sister to Alpharetta Fair who m. William Markey, the brother of Harry. The marriage was held at the home of her father, Sam Fair, in Kearney, Nebr., 5-20-1908. Dot (Fair) Smelser d. 12-1-1918 at San Diego. He m. (2) 1927 MARY BLACKLIDGE at Riverside, Calif., on June 1st. Harry H. Smelser, 6' tall, attended the College of Agriculture, University of Nebraska. He coached basketball and boxing. He is a Mason and Oddfellow. He was Justice of Peace at Fallbrook 1937-57. Mr. Smelser built a sod house in which he lived at Julesburg, Colo. There were no issue. Address: 1762 E. Alvarado, Fall Brook, Calif.

HORATIO and EMILIE C. (HENRICHSEN) SMELSER had issue:

5. OBED EVERETT SMELSER b. 10-25-1900 at Ashton, Nebr. He m. (1) 11-11-1921 MAY COLBY at Fallbrook, Calif. They were divorced. He m. (2) 1-7-1950 at San Bernardino, Calif. MARGUERITE HARRIET (O'NEAL) ANGELO b. at Fall Brook, Calif. Marguerite Angelo Smelser is a naturalist, writer, and lecturer. My first contact with her was through an article, "Uncontrollable 'Control'", in Nature Magazine (Jan. 1959, Vol. 52, No. 1, pp. 33-40, 50). She has written me that the Angelo family proudly believe Michael is among their ancestry. She also stated, "O'Neal, O'Neill, O'Nell, O'Neale, etc., has been rather fully written beginning 320 A.D., by my cousins, Robert and William Waller of Delaware." I am immensely grateful to Mrs. Smelser for the following sketch about her husband: "Obed Smelser, my beloved husband -- ah,

"I feel sorry for anyone who does not know him! Delightful companion; sturdy character; honest to the point of leaning over backward; individual beyond description; cares nothing for worldly goods, and not a whit for what people think of him; keen sense of humor; excellent education, formal and otherwise; artistic; of such wide reading that he is a walking encyclopedia; does not swallow the written word without thorough mastication -- and spits much of it out as worthless; spent almost 7 years in wilderness (Upper Sonoran Life zone) studying wild animals in relation to one another, to other species, to domestic animals, and to humans; slept on the ground, kept voluminous notes; he is a very prominent naturalist in this area. He is an authority on Judo (is a brown belt) and translator from Japanese. Probably has the most comprehensive library on Judo in U.S. (both in Japanese and English)." (bio written 12-18-1959) Address: "The Acres", 1212 Scenic Drive, San Bernardino, Calif. OBED EVERETT and MAY (COLBY) SMELSER had issue:

- a. LOIS EMILIE SMELSER b. 3-31-1923 at Los Angeles; m. 8-3-1952 at Poway, Calif. ROBERT WORKMAN DAVIS b. 11-8-1924 at Santa Monica. (Poway is in San Diego Co., but the marriage is recorded in Los Angeles Co.) Address: El Monte, Calif. Issue:
 - i. BARBARA SUE DAVIS b. 1-19-1956 at Glendale, Calif.
 - ii. MARTHA HELEN DAVIS b. 10-2-1958 at Arcadia, Calif.
 - b. HELEN MAY SMELSER b. 4-8-1925 at Fallbrook, Calif.; m. 4-20-1943 at Camp Roberts, Calif. RICHARD L. BALDWIN b. 12-31-1918 at Holtville, Calif. Address: Ventura, Calif. Issue:
 - i. LINDA CAROL BALDWIN b. 2-22-1948 at Albany, Calif.
 - ii. DAVID RICHARD BALDWIN b. 10-23-1957 at Oxnard, Calif.
 - c. PETER SMELSER b. 7-7-1927 at Oceanside, Calif.; m. 8-26-1948 at Albuquerque, N.M. RUTH EVLIN CUNNIFF. Peter Smelser was Pfc. in the U.S. Marines, and received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1959 from University of Colorado. He is employed by the Boulder Laboratories, National Bureau of Standards (U.S. Dept. of Commerce), in the Cryogenic Processes Section, Cryogenic Engineering Division, as Mechanical Engineer (General). The position is concerned with design, construction, and performance and equipment. The family resides at 505 44th St., Boulder, Colo. Peter Smelser has the original photograph of Jonas Smelser, from which the painting was made. See Family Album. Issue:
 - i. PEGGY ANN SMELSER b. 1-29-1950 at Community Hospital in Boulder, Colorado.
 - ii. DANIEL CRISPIN SMELSER b. 7-13-1953 at the Sanitarium Hospital in Boulder, Colorado.
6. EMMA DOROTHEA SMELSER b. 9-24-1903 at Ashton, Nebr.; m. (1) 1-1-1929 EDWARD BRANDON, son of Albert Brandon, Civil War veteran. They were divorced. She m. (2) 8-22-1932 at Albany, Ore. JOHN T. SULLIVAN b. 1-20-1902 at Moscow, Idaho. Mrs. Sullivan has been an interesting and informative correspondent, and I am grateful to her for her help. Address: P. O. Box 672, Florence, Ore. EMMA DOROTHEA (SMELSER) and EDWARD BRANDON had issue:
- a. ROBERT OBED BRANDON SULLIVAN b. 8-9-1929 at LaJolla, Calif.; m. 8-12-1951 at Salem, Ore. BETTY DORLENE CAREY b. 10-10-1929 at

Tillamook, Ore., daughter of Ida Myrtle (Emmert) and Rex Springer Carey. Betty Dorlene received her B.Th. in 1953 from Northwest Christian College. Robert Obed was graduated from Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Ore., in 1953, at which time he received a B.Th. degree. He was ordained the same month in the Fairmount Church of Christ in Eugene, and accepted his first pastorate in Woodland, Wash., in July of 1953. He served there until January, 1955. At that time he accepted a job as head clerk in Piggly Wiggly Supermarket in Tillamook, where he worked for just over a year while saving his money to go on to the Seminary. He entered the Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis in the fall of 1956 and was graduated in June, 1960, with a B.D. degree. He served the First Christian Church at Cayuga, Ind., during his four years in the Seminary. Late summer, 1960, he accepted a pastorate at Othello Christian Church (4th and Larch Streets) in Othello, Wash. Issue:

- i. DENNIS ROBERT SULLIVAN b. 7-6-1953 at Eugene, Ore.
- ii. JAMES GLENDON SULLIVAN b. 12-12-1954 at Vancourver, Wash.
- iii. PAMELA DORLENE SULLIVAN b. 6-30-1957 at Danville, Ill.
- iv. SHERYL LYNN SULLIVAN b. 2-22-1960 at Danville, Ill.

EMMA DOROTHEA (SMELSER) and JOHN T. SULLIVAN had issue:

- b. GLENDON LURAIN SULLIVAN b. 2-20-1934 at Oceanside, Calif.; m. 9-26-1959 at Reno, Nevada, LORETTA MARTIN.
- c. JOHN LESTER SULLIVAN b. 6-3-1936 at Eugene, Ore.; m. 12-16-1960 at Florence, Ore. MARY ELLIS of Florence. (NOTE: John Lester's mother, Emma Sullivan, was a member of the first Girl Scout troupe west of the Rockies.)

- M. INFANT SON b. 4-23-1854 at Smelser's Grove, Wisc.; d. 4-23-1854.
- N. NANCY SMELSER b. 11-26-1855 at Smelser's Grove; d. 5-11-1923 at Webster City, Iowa. She is buried with her two husbands, FRITZ O. MC KEE whom she m. 12-5-1910 and COLUMBUS P. HYDE, m. 2-1875. She was a Methodist. There were no issue. Columbus Hyde owned and occupied (1881) the house (the only building in Georgetown from 1855-58) on North Main Street, which had originally been built for the Rev. Charles Levan, minister of the Christian denomination, and organizer of the Christian society in the town of Smelser.
- O. LUCETTA SMELSER b. 12-3-1858 at Smelser's Grove; d. 12-11-1858.

ADDENDA

- p. 73 iii. MAURICE CONNELL ABRAHAM b. 10-11-1912 at Mt. Hope. Unm.
- iv. CAROL GENEVIEVE ABRAHAM b. 8-30-1916 at Mt. Hope; d. 4-16-1943 at Waukesha, Wisc., and is bur. at Hermitage Cemetery.
- v. HERMAN BRYCE ABRAMS (he changed the spelling of his name) b. 1-25-1918 at Mt. Hope. Attended Platteville College.
- vi. ORVILLE ABRAHAM b. 2-4-1920 at Mt. Hope; d. soon after birth, and is buried at Hermitage Cemetery in Mt. Hope.
- vii. NEIL BURNETT ABRAHAM b. 9-17-1922 at Mt. Hope; d. 4-16-1943 at Waukesha, Wisc.; buried at Hermitage Cemetery.
- b. ZAMIE CONNEL m. _____ PROCTOR.
- c. EFFIE CONNELL m. CAIRNS. She had issue. (see next page)

- i. C. E. CAIRNS who lives at 103 Willamor Rd., Albert Lea, Minnesota.
2. ARASMUS EVERY COOLEY b. 3-15-1857 in Wauseka, Wisc.; d. 3-28-1931. He m. 12-30-1883 at Mt. Hope CORA LEE KINGSLEY b. 7-21-1860 at Mt. Hope; d. 12-16-1949. Cora Lee is the daughter of Jeremiah Adonijah Thaddeus Zephaniah (called "Jerry") and Anna (Hurd) Kingsley. Arasmus Cooley was a rural school teacher, a farmer, and a bee keeper. He also held many town and school offices. Issue:
 - a. BERTHA MAUDE (BERTIE) COOLEY b. 4-25-1888 at Mt. Hope. She m. 11-27-1926 at Nashua, Iowa ED KOSCHKEE, son of Ameal and Fanny Koschkee. There are no issue. Mrs. Koschkee should be credited with identifying the largest (in number) group picture in Family Album. Address: 769 Beetown Road, Lancaster, Wisconsin.
 - b. HUBER C. COOLEY b. 3-18-1885 at Mt. Hope; d. 6-20-1909 at Mt. Hope. He is buried at the Hermitage Cemetery, Mt. Hope.
3. ELIZABETH COOLEY m. _____ BENNETT. Issue:
 - a. BYRAL C. BENNETT b. 1-25-1898 at Lancaster, Wisc.; d. 8-20-1956, and is buried at Westminster Memorial Park, out of Long Beach, California.
 - b. GLOY L. BENNETT living in Lanesboro, Minnesota.
 - c. RUBY IONA BENNETT b. 12-5-1900 at Kendalls, Wisc.; m. 6-2-1926 at Madison, Wisc. _____ LANSING b. 5-31-1895 at Madison, son of Charles B. Lansing. The marriage was performed at the Plymouth Congregational Church. There were no issue. Mr. and Mrs. Lansing are retired, he from the C.N.W. Railway Co., and she from the State service. He is a Past Patron and she is a Past Matron of Eastern Star. They have held minor offices in other Masonic related bodies. Address: 3481 Milwaukee St., Madison, Wisc.
4. W. R. COOLEY

VI. JOSEPH SMELSER

- VII. NANCY (or MARY) SMELSER b. Bourbon Co., Ky.; m. 9-6-1831 in Bourbon Co. (Book 31, p. 39) SIDENHAM D. TALBOTT of Danville, Ky. (It is to be noted here that Mr. Carl Arthur Smelser submitted the name Mary Smelser who m. James P. Tolbert. There are many Talbotts and Tolberts in Kentucky; Nancy and Sidenham are probably the correct names. . .I shall use these names because of different records found in the Kentucky Historical Society.) Mrs. Wade Whitley, author and genealogist of Paris, Ky., has pointed out that there are five distinct Talbott families, variously spelled, who came to Bourbon Co. before 1800. She also said that "Nancy is described as having a delightful wit, and that a daughter, Susan, was beautifully educated." It is believed that Sidenham or wife, or both, died in covered wagon days en-route to Missouri. Issue:
- A. YOUNGSTER who d. at an early age from scarlet fever.
 - B. YOUNGSTER who d. at an early age from scarlet fever.
 - C. YOUNGSTER who d. at an early age from scarlet fever.
 - D. SIDNEY MARKEE TALBOTT m. JENNIE LONG and/or ELIZABETH DURR. He left no children when he d. in Shelbyville, Ky., in 1927.
 - E. SUSAN TALBOTT, beautifully educated. Unmarried.
 - F. JENNIE TALBOTT, youngest child, m. JAMES PERKINS. Issue:
 1. NAME NOT KNOWN
 2. KATE PERKINS b. 8-23-1875; m. HERBERT LONG of Simpsonville, Ky.,

and is buried at Todds Point, Ky. Kate (Perkins) Long d. 10-25-1957 at Atlanta, Ga., and is buried at Simpsonville. Herbert Long is the son of Sam Long. KATE (PERKINS) and HERBERT LONG had issue:

- a. VERTNA LONG m. MICHAEL HUFFMAN. She d. in Texas.
- b. FRANCES CATHERINE LONG b. 12-16-1911; m. SAMUEL LEWIS CHANDLER. She lives at 320 Old Toy Road, Atlanta, Ga.
- c. HERBERT CLYDE LONG d. 1942 in Simpsonville where he is buried. He m. KATHLEEN MARCH who m. (2) JESSIE MC NARY. Address: 4114 Handley, Buechel, Kentucky.
- d. BURNETT LONG b. 7-4-1897 at Simpsonville; d. 1918 at Simpsonville where he is buried.
- e. ROBERT ALEXANDER LONG b. 8-2-1909 at Simpsonville; m. 10-12-1933 at Louisville MERRITTE TRIBBLE. They live at 2413 Burwell St., Louisville, Kentucky.

BARBARA SMELSER AND HER DESCENDANTS

Immutable Impressions

DUTCH OVEN



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BELLOWS



CRADLE



IMMUTABLE IMPRESSIONS of the pioneer period are the springtime held to a degree of permanency in the world of exuberant nature. The historic Americans stand like scattered exclamation points in the silent forest of our yester-years. With such men as Patrick Henry, Thomas Paine and Sam Houston, our own family predecessors laced their destinies and earned preferment.

BARBARA SMELSER, born (Maryland or Pennsylvania) in the mid-eighteenth century, was a "neighbor" to John Breckenridge, "who in 1792 had felt the call of Kentucky so strongly that he had given up his position in Congress (to which he had just been elected by Virginia) to settle near Lexington, in Fayette County."³⁴ Barbara's family had emigrated to Kentucky about five years earlier and settled in Bourbon Co., just outside of Paris. Perhaps the Smelsers and Breckenridges had a mutual satisfaction from the "Promised Land", the lush wilds of Kaintuck where Daniel Boone first roamed some twenty years before.

Of an age with Barbara, a young Unitarian minister, Harry Toulmin (b. 4-7-1767 in England), came to America to learn about the country which would be suitable for his parishioners who wished to emigrate, too. His comments on the conditions in Hagerstown, Md. (1793), are worthy of mention as a picture of the economic market of the times: "The prices are in Maryland currency, 3/5th of which is sterling; thus 20 is 1*£*, 10*¢*. is 6*¢*, etc.

Indian corn, 2*¢*. to 3*¢*. per bushel

Wheat, 5*¢*.

Potatoes, 2*¢*. to 2*¢*. 6*¢*.

Flour, 14*¢*. for 112 lbs.

Malt, 4*¢*. 6*¢*. per bush.

Hops, 2*¢*. per lb.

Apples, 2*¢*. per bush.

Butter, 10*¢*. per lb.

Cheese, 7*¢*. to 8*¢*. per lb."³⁵

He says, ". . . Number of inhabitants in Hagerstown, 2000 (or more now) of which probably 100 or more are slaves. The greatest part of the inhabitants are Germans."³⁶

Barbara Smelser's family, late of Hagerstown, had preceeded Toulmin to Kentucky by several years, but

Toulmin impartially made first-hand observations of Kentucky, particularly related to the County of Fayette and the city of Lexington. His ponderous evaluation ". . .and I found that the most fertile spots were too much encumbered with Germans for a man to hope for rational society proportionate to the population. The Shenandoah Valley is perhaps the least objectionable on this head, but here the Germans are increasing,"³⁷ is balanced, somewhat, by: "I am aware, however, that the tediousness of the journey from Kentucky to Philadelphia will have considerable weight with many persons who might like the idea of being easily able to make an excursion to that town once in ten years were they within two hundred miles of that place."³⁸

BARBARA SMELSER m. PHILIP DAUBENSPECK 11-12-1792 in Bourbon Co., Ky. Philip was b. ca 1760; d. probably before 1810. He was the youngest son of Johan Jacob Daubenspeck who was b. 1714 in Germany, and who came to Philadelphia from the Palatine in 1736 on the Ship Harle. Johan Jacob Daubenspeck m. Juliana _____, and was a leader in the Reformed Church in Westmoreland Co., Pa. Johan Jacob and Juliana also had Anna Magdalena, b. ca 1753; George, b. 1751, m. Barbara Geiger (Pa. records), and had sons Philip, John, and Lewis; and Jacob, Jr., b. 8-22-1755, and had sons George and Philip. George and Jacob, Jr. took the oath of allegiance in Northampton Co., Pa., in 1777. They remained in Pennsylvania. Philip Daubenspeck (m. Barbara Smelser) served in the Revolutionary War from 1778-1783 in the Pa. State Militia. He was listed as a "Ranger of the Frontier" and though he did not apply for a pension, did receive a grant of land from Pennsylvania. He is listed in the Pa. Archives as a "single freeman" at Northampton, 1785. He went to Westmoreland Co., and then emigrated to Kentucky between 1785-1792. From the early tax books of Bourbon Co., Ky., which show the names of all free white males over 21, he is listed for the first time in 1792, having three horses and one head of cattle; in 1793 he was shown owner of four horses and five cattle. He is probably the first Daubenspeck to have gone to Kentucky. Issue:

I. JOHN DAUBENSPECK

II. MARY ANN DAUBENSPECK m. JAMES K. TROTTER

III. KITTY DAUBENSPECK m. _____ KENNEY

IV. JACOB DAUBENSPECK b. 12-9-1797 in Bourbon Co., Ky.; d. 3-20-1893 near Raleigh, Rush Co., Ind. He m. 11-3-1822 ELIZABETH MOCK b. 3-31-1802 in Ky.; d. 12-23-1882 age 80. Both are buried in the Ben Davis Church Cemetery, Rush Co. Jacob and Elizabeth (Mock) Daubenspeck left their Kentucky home and settled in the "wilds" of Indiana on a farm just west of Glenwood in Rush Co., 9-12-1827. This land was in section 24 of Union Twp. and close to the former camp of the old Indian chief, Ben Davis. Later Jacob moved to a farm near Raleigh. He was a farmer and is listed in the 1850 census with a real estate value set at \$20,000. Jacob was an "ardent student -- no formal education -- a great lover of books and after his marriage got together quite a library, his children never being without plenty of reading material."³⁹ JACOB and ELIZABETH (MOCK) DAUBENSPECK had issue:

A. WESLEY DAUBENSPECK b. 1824 in Kentucky.

B. HARVEY DAUBENSPECK b. 4-5-1825 in Ky.; d. 1917. He m. 11-9-1847 MARGARET HINCHMAN b. 1830 in Rush Co.; d. 1915. Both are buried at East Hill Cemetery in Rushville. Margaret Hinchman was the only daughter of 13 children born to John Hinchman, Jr. and wife, Margaret (Nichols), who came from Virginia to Indiana and entered a tract of "Congress Land" about two miles southwest of Fairview (Rush Co.), during pioneer times.

Harvey Daubenspeck came with his parents to Rush Co. when he was two yrs. old. "He was an intensely religious man, was a preacher in the Christian Church, and one of the founders of Ben Davis Creek Church. At one time during his life he owned about 700 acres in this county and died full of honor and years at the advanced age of 97. Harvey Daubenspeck received his education in the public schools of the township, and grew to manhood on his father's farm. He then rented land from his father and began farming for himself, and in 1849 he bought 160 acres in Union township where he lived until 1865. At that time he bought an additional 160 acres in the same section, to which he moved. Here he continued successfully, acquiring in all 150 acres, all in Union township, before death called him in 1918 at the age of 92 years. He was one of the most extensive stock raisers of the county, feeding out all his own grain and buying other, feeding out as an approximate average 200 head of hogs and from 50-75 of cattle."⁴⁰ HARVEY and MARGARET (HINCHMAN) DAUBENSPECK had issue:

1. EMILY DAUBENSPECK b. 1849 in Ind. She m. O. M. SMITH who d. before 1921, at which time she was living at the corner of Ninth and Harrison Streets in Rushville.
2. ELIZABETH DAUBENSPECK m. ANTHONY KLINE.
3. JACOB C. DAUBENSPECK who moved to Idaho.
4. REBECCA DAUBENSPECK b. 1854; d. 1923. She m. JAMES M. SMITH in 1874. James Smith was b. 3-7-1849 in Noble Township, Rush Co.; d. 1920. He was the only son of George and Mary (Gray) Smith, and the grandson of Lewis E. Smith, a pioneer of Noble Township. James was a farmer and stockholder. Both he and Rebecca were members of the Plum Creek Christian Church. He was a Republican. In 1921 the widow resided at Rural Mail Route No. 1 out of Falmouth, Ind. Both are buried at East Hill Cemetery. REBECCA (DAUBENSPECK) and JAMES M. SMITH had issue:
 - a. ORA VERNE SMITH b. 6-25-1875; d. 1951, and is buried at East Hill Cemetery. He m. 1912 HENRIETTA C. DISSELKUHN b. 1886 in New York, daughter of John and Marie Disselk~~oen~~. Both belonged to the Christian Church. Mr. Smith was a Republican and a member of Masonic lodge. ORA VERNE and HENRIETTA (DISSELKUHN) SMITH'S iss.:
 - i. WAYNE (BYRON?) SMITH b. 4-24-1914; d. 11-18-1914. He is buried at East Hill Cemetery.
 - ii. FLORENCE SMITH
 - iii. RALPH SMITH
 - iv. JAMES MARSHALL SMITH
 - b. LILLIE SMITH who d. age 16 and is buried at East Hill Cemetery.
 - c. VERNE SMITH b. 1879; d. 1920. He m. HENRIETTA REA b. 1881; d. 1951. Both are buried at East Hill Cemetery. Issue:
 - i. LILLIE SMITH
 - ii. JAMES REED SMITH b. 12-22-1920.
5. HERSCHEL E. DAUBENSPECK b. 9-20-1858 in Union Twp., Rush Co.; d. 9-23-1946. He m. 2-21-1883 JESSIE BLACKLEDGE, daughter of Clinton and America (Amos) Blackledge. Herschel and Jessie are buried at East Hill Cemetery, lot 20, section 6. "H. E. Daubenspeck was educated in the schools of Glenwood and upon leaving school he farmed with his father until he was able to buy 80 acres, all of Union township. He has done a general farming and stock raising business, and on the home place of 285 acres, which he has greatly improved by the addition

of modern buildings and equipment, he would feed out about 600 head of hogs and 30 of cattle. . Mr. Daubenspeck has been one of the earnest workers in the cause of the Christian Church, and has held nearly all the lay offices, being now an elder."⁴¹ Subject was a 32° Mason and a member of the Shrine, Murat Temple, Indianapolis; a Knight of Pythias, and a member of the Independent Order of Off Fellows. He was a Republican. Issue:

a. CLARENCE DAUBENSPECK m. LAURA GING. He d. 9-13-1957 and is buried at East Hill Cemetery, section 15. Mrs. Daubenspeck lives at R.R. 7, Rushville, Ind. Issue:

i. VERIL DAUBENSPECK

ii. MARY ELLA DAUBENSPECK

b. PAUL L. DAUBENSPECK b. 11-4-1889 in Union Twp., Rush Co.; d. Dec., 1938. He m. HAZEL HINCHMAN, daughter of Robert N. and Sarah J. Hinchman. "Paul L. Daubenspeck, who, starting upon his independent career as a renter at the time he had attained his majority, has advanced himself within the short space of 11 years to a place among the substantial general farmers and stock raisers of Noble township. . His success has been achieved on the basis of a common school education, a careful home training which stimulated a desire to be of use in the world, and a quality of perseverance which assures the accomplishment of any task undertaken. After his graduation from high school at Glenwood in 1907, he took up farming with his father, whose associate he continued to be until he reached his majority. At that time he married and entered upon his independent career as a renter, which was his status for about eight years, in the last year of which he was operating a rented farm of 500 acres. In 1918 he purchased his present property of 160 acres, located in Noble Township, where he has made numerous improvements, including the erection of two sets of modern buildings and the installation of numerous appurtenances indicative of present-day progress. In addition to being a good farmer, he gives much attention to stock raising, and at this time is shipping about 300 hogs annually. Mr. Daubenspeck has an interest in scientific agriculture that has secured the best result from his land and its disposal with a view to the greatest economy of expenditures, as well as the largest rewards from the various side lines. He is a member of the Christian Church at Little Flat Rock and gives liberally to religious movements, being also a general contributor to charities and social demands."⁴² He was a Knight Templar Mason and an Elk. Politically, he was a Republican.

i. ROBERT H. DAUBENSPECK who was killed in Germany during W.W. He m. OLIVE _____ who remarried upon his death, _____ SCOTT.

ii. MARION H. DAUBENSPECK m. (1) (2)

c. RUBY DAUBENSPECK m. ERNEST STAIDA. Issue:

i. JUNE STAIDA

ii. EDGAR NEAL STAIDA

d. WAYNE DAUBENSPECK

6. IDA M. DAUBENSPECK b. 1862; d. 1-14-1864 age 2 yrs. 9 days. She is buried at Ben Davis Churchyard Cemetery.

7. EFFIE DAUBENSPECK b. 1864; d. 1940. She m. A. C. HASKETT. She is

buried at East Hill Cemetery.

8. PHILIP S. DAUBENSPECK b. 6-25-1866 in Union Twp., Rush Co.; d. 1950 and is buried at East Hill Cemetery. In 1915 he m. ANNA COOK, daughter of Wilson and Louise Cook. With the exception of 12 years when he was engaged in the grain business at Glenwood, he lived on his farm in Union Twp. He received his education in the neighborhood schools, after which time he assisted his father in operating the family farm for 10 years. "Mr. Daubenspeck has a well kept and well improved farm of 230 acres, and his operations are carried on in up-to-date fashion. He for years has given special attention to the breeding of hogs, in connection with his general farming operations, and is accustomed to feed out from 500-800 head of hogs a year, thus having long been recognized as one of the leading feeders in this section. He also feeds 100 or more head of cattle annually and has done well in his live stock operations. He has an excellent farm plant, with spacious barns and feeding pens, the plant including a cattle barn 70 x 160 feet and three others 40 x 60 feet and two 100-ton silos and keeps things up about the place in real 'ship-shape' style."⁴³ The residence was on Rural Mail Route No. 2 out of Glenwood. Mr. Daubenspeck took an active interest in general community affairs movements, particularly those pertaining to the advancement of agricultural interests. He was a Republican.

9. IVA C. DAUBENSPECK b. 1869; d. 1934; buried at East Hill Cemetery.

10. MILES H. DAUBENSPECK b. 10-2-1871 near Glenwood; m. 11-24-1897 ADA THRASHER, daughter of John P. and Rebecca L. (Walker) Thrasher. Mr. and Mrs. Daubenspeck were members of the Christian Church. He, Mason.

a. WALKER DAUBENSPECK

- C. BERNARD DAUBENSPECK b. 1828 in Ind.; m. HANNAH J. _____.

- D. MARGARET DAUBENSPECK b. 1829 in Ind.; d. 1-9-1878 age 48-4-6. She is buried in the Ben Davis Graveyard, Union Twp., Rush Co.

- E. SARAH DAUBENSPECK b. 1831 in Rush Co.; d. 1929. She m. WILLIAM C. AUSTIN b. 3-2-1825; d. 10-28-1888. Both are buried at the Ben Davis Creek Christian Church. William C. Austin was the son of Edward Austen, a Baltimore (Md.) merchant who came to Indiana in 1831. Issue:

1. JACOB D. AUSTIN b. 1-27-1858 in Union Twp., Fayette Co., Ind.; d. 1923. He m. 6-4-1885 MARY J. GEORGE b. 1865 in Noble Twp., Rush Co.; d. 1946. Both are buried at East Hill Cemetery. Mary J. George is the daughter of David W. and Nancy Ann (Patterson) George. Jacob Austin was a carpenter and a farmer. Politically, he was an Independent. Both Jacob and Mary J. Austin were members of Ben Davis Christian Church, where he was an elder, deacon, member of the board of trustees, and treasurer. They had issue:

- a. AVICE GEORGE AUSTIN b. 1886; d. 1949; buried at East Hill Cem.

She m. JESSE C. BROOKS. AVICE and JESSE C. BROOKS had issue:

- i. FRANCES AUSTEN BROOKS b. 1912. She m. HERMAN HERBERT THOMAS b. 1912; d. 1952. He is buried at East Hill Cemetery.

i. MALE

ii. FEMALE

- F. CATHERINE DAUBENSPECK b. 1835 in Indiana.

- G. EMILY DAUBENSPECK b. 1837 in Indiana.

- H. NANCY DAUBENSPECK b. 1839 in Indiana.

- I. MARSHALL DAUBENSPECK b. 1846 in Indiana.
- V. POLLY DAUBENSPECK b. 1800; d. 8-9-1838 age 38. She is buried in the Smelser Graveyard, Union Township, Rush Co., Ind.
- VI. BETSY DAUBENSPECK b. 3-14-1807 in Kentucky; d. 2-20-1893. She m. in Rush Co. 3-25-1825 GREENBERRY RUSH b. 1802; d. 2-9-1862 age 59-1-2. Both are buried at the Fairview Cemetery, Rush Co. The Fairview Cemetery is on a trim, treeless and level ground, and belies the thesis that a plot should be rolling and shaded to be lovely. The 1850 census shows Mr. Rush to be a farmer with a real estate value of \$7,000. Issue:
 - A. WESLEY RUSH b. 1824 in Kentucky.
 - B. PETER W. RUSH b. 1826; d. 7-21-1883; buried at the Fairview Cemetery. No record of his marriage is currently known; however, there is a stone in this same cemetery which indicates that he and wife, Margaret, had at least one child. The inscription reads "G.B., son of PW & M Rush," so that individual will be recorded as issue:
 1. P. W. RUSH d. 4-20-1876 age 18-6-6; buried at Fairview Cemetery. It should be noted that next to Peter Rush's stone is one for "Margaret, wife of A. Smith 1883-1907." Apparently there is some relationship. Another stone, inscribed "Edwin N. Rush son of P W and Margaret" is also nearby, and should be included as issue:
 2. EDWIN N. RUSH d. 9-1-1856 age 1-1-17. Buried at Fairview Cemetery.
 - C. HARVEY DAUBENSPECK RUSH b. 12-23-1827; d. 5-12-1914; buried at Fairview Cemetery. He m. MARY E. HOUSTON b. 1830; d. 6-13-1852 age 21-10-3; buried at East Hill Cemetery in section 2. She is the daughter of R. and S. S. Houston. HARVEY and MARY E. (HOUSTON) RUSH had issue:
 1. EMMA RUSH m. _____ SMITH.
 2. JOHN RUSH
 3. LIZZIE RUSH m. _____ CLINE.
 4. REBECCA RUSH m. _____ SMITH.
 5. JACOB RUSH
 6. HERSCHEL RUSH
 7. EFFA RUSH
 8. SHERIDAN RUSH
 9. IRA RUSH
 10. MILES RUSH
 11. MARY H. RUSH b. 9-1-1858; d. 7-30-1934; buried at Fairview Cemetery. It should be noted that this last name is included here only on the basis of the location of the stone which is close to the grave of Harvey Daubenspeck.
 - D. BERNARD RUSH. The available data about his immediate family does not include his wife's name. Issue:
 1. MINNIE RUSH
 2. MARSHALL RUSH
 - E. NANNIE RUSH m. _____ KIRKWOOD. They had issue:
 1. LOUIE KIRKWOOD
 2. MARSHALL KIRKWOOD
 3. WILSON KIRKWOOD
 4. BLANCHE KIRKWOOD
 - F. MARY JANE RUSH b. 1830 in Ind.; m. _____ INGLES. Issue:
 1. MARY INGLES
 2. HOWARD INGLES

3. BERRY INGLES
4. FANNY INGLES
5. FLORA INGLES
6. CARRIE INGLES
7. CORA INGLES

G. SARAH RUSH b. 1831 in Ind.; m. WILLIAM AUSTEN b. 1825 in Maryland. It should be pointed out that the 1870 census shows the spelling Austin. At that time, he is a farmer with a real estate value of \$7,800.00 and a personal property value of \$1,150.00. SARAH and WILLIAM had issue:

1. JACOB EDMOND AUSTEN b. 1858 in Indiana.
2. EDWARD AUSTEN b. 1861 in Indiana.
3. MARY AUSTEN b. 1863 in Indiana; m. _____ NICHOLS.
4. GEORGE AUSTEN b. 1866 in Indiana.
5. FLORENCE W. AUSTEN b. 1869 in Indiana.

H. MARSHALL RUSH

I. KATE RUSH m. _____ KIRKWOOD. Issue:

1. ELWOOD KIRKWOOD
2. JOEL KIRKWOOD

J. ALONZO M. RUSH b. 10-29-1834 in Ind.; d. 3-3-1909. He m. ELMIRA E. _____ and both are buried at the Fairview Cemetery. In the 1870 census for Rush Co., he is listed as a farmer with a real estate value at \$4,000 and personal property value at \$900. They had issue:

1. ORA B. RUSH b. 1863; d. 1931; buried at Fairview Cemetery. She m. JAMES R. SMILEY and had issue:
 - a. FANNIE FERN SMILEY b. 1885; d. 1926; buried at Fairview Cem.
 - b. RALPH RUSH SMILEY b. 1887; d. 1895; buried at Fairview Cemetery
2. ALTA RUSH m. _____ GIBBS.
3. BERTIE RUSH
4. GRACE O. RUSH b. 7-4-1866; d. 6-30-1887. Buried at Fairview Cem.
5. BERRY RUSH
6. JOHN S. RUSH b. 6-9-1868; d. 5-31-1885. Buried at Fairview Cem.

K. EMMA DAUBENSPECK RUSH

L. JACOB D. RUSH b. 1849 in Indiana.

VII. BARBARA DAUBENSPECK b. 2-14-1811 in Bourbon Co., Ky.; d. 7-11-1893. She m. 1831/32 WOODSEN THRASHER b. 2-4-1812 in Pendleton Co., Ky.; d. 1-29-1888. Both are buried at Fairview Cemetery. Mr. Thrasher is the son of John and Elizabeth (Rush) Thrasher, natives of Kentucky and of English and Irish extraction. John Thrasher, the paternal grandfather of Woodsen, is the son of Josiah Thrasher, native of Maryland, and grandson of John Thrasher, Sr., one of three brothers who emigrated from England to the United States during the Revolutionary War. John Thrasher, Sr., first settled in Maryland and was there m. to Elizabeth Hooker. The couple subsequently moved to Kentucky, where they lived till death. John Sr. was in the Revolutionary War, and the father of a large family, of whom Josiah (grandfather of subject) was the eldest. John Jr. m. Nancy Bonar and they moved to Rush Co. ca 1830, and she d. shortly afterwards. He survived her by several years. Their children were: John, Josiah, Sarah, and Stephen. John Thrasher and Elizabeth (daughter of Peter and Mary Rush) were m. in Pendleton, Ky., and in 1824 moved to Rush Co., Ind., where she d. 1835. He m. (2) Mary Copland, and d. in 1876. John was the father of 10 children: Woodson W., Mary, Nancy, William, Josiah, Maria, Lucinda, Caroline, Joseph, and an in-

infant who d. unnamed. John Thrasher was b. 1790; d. 1878. He m. Elizabeth Rush b. 1797; d. 1855. "He was a quiet gentleman, who in his 90th year bought his coffin, then the clothes he was buried in -- a light summer suit which led his waggish grandson, John, to say, 'that grandfather evidently anticipated journeying to a warm climate.'"⁴⁴ The subject of this sketch m. Woodson in 1831 and they lived after their marriage just across the line in Fayette Co. where he engaged in breeding and raising improved stock. "The subject of education and Christianity have ever been close to his heart and to their advancement he has given much of his mighty energy and liberally of his means, being largely instrumental in establishing the academy at Fairview and the Christian Church nearby, with which both himself and his wife have been connected for 40 years or more, he having been an Elder therein during the greater part of the time. As an evidence of his interest in the subject of education, we have but to state that all his eight children are college graduates and among them are a prominent physician in Cincinnati, a Professor of Mathematics in Butler College at Indianapolis, and another a graduate of the profession of law. The father of Mr. Thrasher before him was a Whig, with which party our subject was in his younger life identified, casting his first vote for Henry Clay. Since the organization of the Republican party, he has been a warm advocate of its principles. He at one time was one of the County Commissioners, and in 1867, was chosen by the citizens of the county a Representative in the State Legislature, where he at once became conspicuous and was identified with the leading measures that became before the Legislature during his term of service in the years 1867 and 1868. He was Chairman of the Committee on Roads and Highways; he also served on a committee appointed to visit and report the condition of the Southern prison at Jeffersonville, the Chairman's report he refused to sign, and with another colleague drew up a minority report, which was accepted by the Legislature. He was largely instrumental in securing the passage of the Indiana drain or ditching law enacted during his service, which bill he was greatly interested in. His name is also prominently connected with other important measures of which for the want of space we must leave unmentioned. Mr. Thrasher has been evidently successful in life, and has been blessed with most excellent health. Seldom, if ever, has he been confined to bed during his long life on account of sickness, and it is greatly to his credit to remark that he has never been engaged in a lawsuit. He started in life with small means, but by thrift and industry, he has accumulated a handsome competency."⁴⁵ According to Dr. Marion Thrasher, Barbara (Smelser) Thrasher was from a well-to-do family, and she had sufficient money to buy the family home in Fairview, Ind.

A. WILLIAM MERRITT THRASHER b. 7-26-1833 at Fairview, Fayette Co., Ind.; m. DEMIA THAYER. William Thrasher received his M.A. and was an eminent professor of mathematics at Butler University in Indianapolis for 30 years. In the book by Dr. Marion Thrasher, William had written the following from his own autobiographical sketch: "My earliest recollections pertaining to the clearing up of a new farm. Log rolling, burning the heaps, gathering brush, building fence, feeding from 100 to 300 hogs, plowing corn, cutting wheat with sickle and cradle -- these are my ancient history. We recovered fire with knife and flint, or went to the neighbors for a brand! I visited, at age of five, a log schoolhouse half a mile west of Fairview, of which only the memory of getting into a yellow-jacket's nest, and playing horse remains. My early teachers are

"chiefly remembered for their frequent application of the ferule and cat-o'-nine-tails. Amusements of boyhood were bull pen, marbles, wrestling, jumping, invading melon patches and apple orchards, attending protracted meetings -- chiefly outside the building, accompanying father on two or three annual squirrel hunts. My first two teachers, with whom I profited, were Robert Gordon and Merchant Kelly. Kelly bristled with a thousand corners -- each giving out instruction. He made everything on earth, air and sky, as well as his innumerable inventions, the subject of instructive talks. At the age of fifteen, A. R. Benton, from Cato, N.Y., an 1848 graduate of Bethany, Brooke County, W. Va., and for one year a teacher in Woodward High School, Cincinnati, came to Fairview seeking employment as teacher. He had come on a visit to his old classmate, E. S. Frazee, who informed him that Fairview was a noted centre of Disciples of Christ. He opened a select school in one room on Doctor Clifford's premises with about twenty students. I, here, began the study of Latin and Greek. W. W. Thrasher, Greenbury Rush, John Shawhan employed Josiah Smith to build a brick academy building, into which, on its completion, was transferred Professor Benton's school. His students soon embraced 50 - 100 from a half dozen States, and among them many men of promise and several of fulfillment. Debating clubs were organized. Robert Kidd, a promising elocutionist from California, convulsed select audiences with laughter at his inimitable comic impersonations, and other events of social and intellectual import followed. In September, 1853, my father, William Frazee, James Van Horn (colored) and myself, visited Bethany College; via Sandusky, Niagara, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington City. I spent one year here and took the first honors of my class in four out of five departments of the college. To witness the graduating exercises, my father and D. R. Van Buskirk came to Bethany. At the close of the year, during a protracted meeting conducted by Alex Campbell and Isaac Errett, I entered the Christian Church. Returning home in July, 1854, I began a select school in a new academy at Fayetteville. I taught here three years, when I was called to Rushville, Ind., at a better salary, teaching in the basement of the Christian Church. This was in 1858. In 1859 I visited Missouri and taught five years at Farmington, St. Francois County. Plenty of students but no money here caused my return to Shelby County, Ind. In 1864 I taught at Rushville, whence in March, 1865, I was called to the professorship of mathematics in the Northwestern Christian University, Indianapolis, which position I now retain. In 1870 Indianapolis experienced a real estate boom, one of the results of the phenomenal prosperity which followed the Civil War. I made several thousand dollars, obtained leave of absence for two years, and August 30, 1873, embarked with my family and brother Allen, who had just graduated, for Heidelberg, Germany. We spent one delightful year in this beautiful town, disturbed only by the long illness of our youngest boy, Wade Thrasher. While here I visited the Rhine, took steamer from Mayence to Cologne, enjoying much the historic castles and towns along this famous stream. Returning, we visited Frankfort, Worms, Mannheim; visiting in the first the birth-house of Goethe, the Inden-gasse, the street of the Rothschilds; in the second, the Luther-monument and the old cathedral famous for standing on the site of a former one, the scene of a duel described in the old German poem, the Nibelungen Lied. We made innumerable pedestrian tours in

"the neighborhood of Heidelberg, passing many days in and around the ruins of the old castle, probably the most interesting ruin, architecturally, in Germany. We often sat, listening to lectures by Professor Kirchhoff of Chair of Physics, known for his invention of the spectroscope, and by Professor Beison, the chemist, famous the world over for his scientific discoveries. In October, 1873, I visited Vienna, Austria, via Stuttgart, Ulm, Augsburg and Saltzburg. Here we spent a week looking at the Welt-Ausstellung or World's Exposition. In March, 1874, I made the tour of South Germany, Switzerland and Italy, returning via Munich and the Brenner Pass in the mountains of the Tyrol. Going, we passed into Italy at Turin, through the Mont Cenis Tunnel. I enjoyed thoroughly the historic spots I had read of from childhood. I visited Genoa, with the Columbus monument; Bologna and its university; Florence and its twin art galleries in the Uffizi and Pitti palaces on opposite banks of the river Arno; Pisa and its leaning tower of white marble, and the cathedral in which swings to-day the lamp which suggested to Galilleo the pendulum; Rome with its St. Peters, its Coliseum, its Appian Way, its aquaducts and Pantheon; Naples with its adjacent Vesuvius and Baiae, the resort of the fashion of Rome; Venice and its square of St. Mark, its Bridge of Sighs, its canals, gondolas and Rialto; Verona and its amphitheatre and the garden of the scene between Romeo and Juliet; Milan with its cathedral, a symphony in marble. In March, 1873, we left Heidelberg for Paris via Strassburg. We ascended the cathedral at the latter place and from its roof, 250 feet high, got an extended view of the Rhine Valley. We spent six weeks in Paris, threaded most of the streets, parks and gardens and cemeteries. We enjoyed the splendid exposition building, the Crystal Palace at Sydenham. Then, via Rugby and Liverpool, we reached our steamer for New York, the 'Egypt.' I learned much, while abroad, of the resources for studying mathematics in English, French and German. After returning, I spent several years in careful study of the classics in the higher mathematics in these three languages. We removed, in 1876, with the college, to Irvington, where we since reside. . . In 1887 I planted a ten-acre ranch in Riverside naval oranges at Riverside in Southern Calif., hoping to receive from it an income in old age."46 Issue:

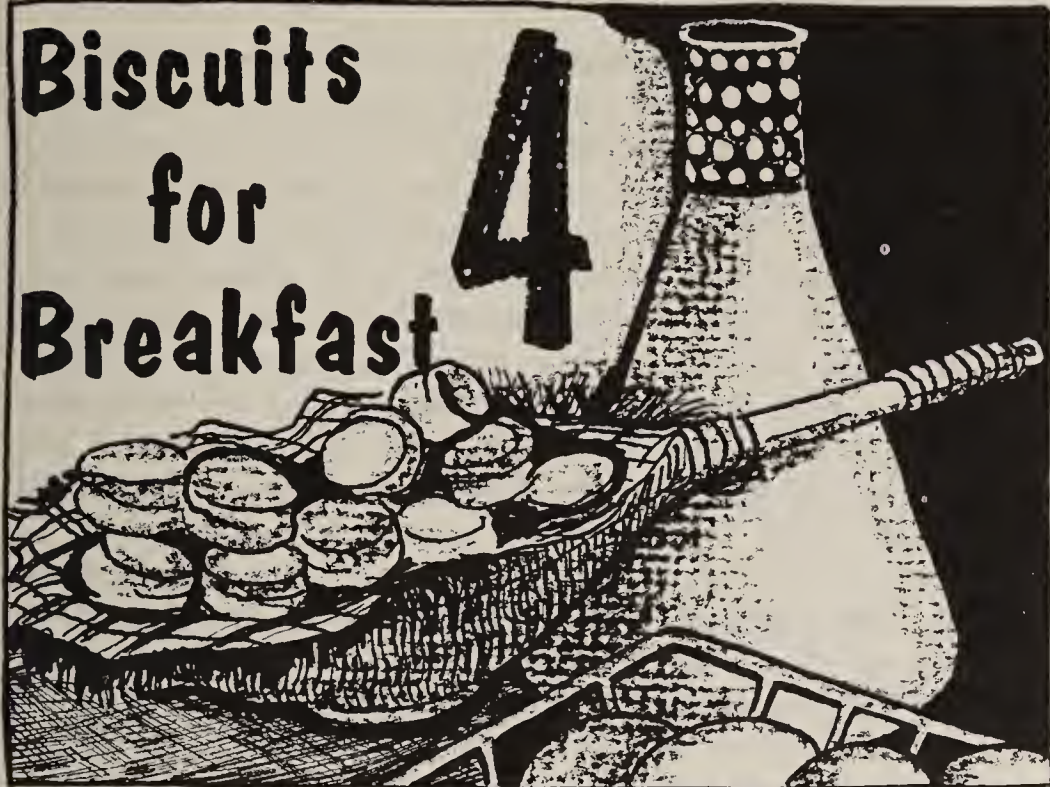
1. CORINNE THRASHER m. ORVILLE CARVIN. They resided in Irvington, Ind. Mr. Carvin was associated with the firm, Fahnley, McCrea and Co., of Indianapolis. CORINNE and ORVILLE CARVIN had issue:
 - a. ALLEN WADE CARVIN a physician. He lived in Indianapolis.
 2. ALLEN WADE THRASHER, M.D., living in Indianapolis, Ind., for years.
 3. SALLY BLANCHE THRASHER m. A. J. BROWN, a wholesale and retail seedsman. They lived at Grand Rapids, Mich.
 4. RAYMOND THRASHER
- B. ELIZABETH THRASHER b. 1836 in Ind.; d. 1884 in Cincinnati, of typhoid fever, having just returned from Florida. A Cincinnati paper reads: "Lizzie Thrasher Orr, the noted Sunday School worker, died yesterday at Milford, beloved by all who knew her." She was educated at the Fairview Academy, and at the age of 18 m. a schoolmate, JAMES P. ORR. Dr. Marion Thrasher, in his book, said of James Orr: "He was a genius, and had enough talent for a half dozen men. He was an eloquent minister; a Normal School Principal at Cincinnati, a surgeon in the Civil War, an orange grower in Florida." ELIZABETH (THRASHER) and JAMES P. ORR had issue:

1. OVID ORR, a physician.
- C. JOHN P. THRASHER b. 11-23-1838 at Fairview Twp., Fayette Co., Ind.; d. 3-9-1906. He m. 9-11-1862 at Cincinnati REBECCA L. WALKER, a native of that city. John P. Thrasher was graduated from Cincinnati Law School in 1858 and in 1859 opened an office at Kokomo, Ind. "At the time of the Civil War, he enlisted in Capt. Hanna's Co. of the 16th Regt., Ind. Vol. Inf., served nearly two years -- most of the time being attached to the quartermasters department, with headquarters in Maryland. During the progress of the war. . .he married at Cincinnati Rebecca L. Walker. . . At that time, Cincinnati was being threatened by a raid under Gen. Kirby Smith and a rigid guard had been thrown around the city, no one being permitted to enter or depart, save under the strictest military regulations and Mr. Thrasher was compelled to give bond in the sum of \$3000 before being permitted to enter the city to claim his bride. After the war they established their home on the old Thrasher homestead in Fairview township, Fayette County, and remained, farming."⁴⁷ Mr. Thrasher volunteered in the 16th Regt., in April, 1861, served one year; was a private the first three months, then promoted to "Brigade Ordinance Sergeant" and served in that capacity until mustered out in Washington, D.C., in May of 1862. John P. Thrasher was a member of the Christian Church, and was affiliated with the Masons. Mrs. Thrasher is the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Beasley) Walker, natives of England, both having been born in the city of Manchester. Robert Walker was left an orphaned child and his future wife's brother was appointed his guardian. The Beasleys came to America and proceed on to Indiana, settling on a farm near Brookville.
1. GEORGE W. THRASHER b. 2-22-1867. He m. MRS. MARGARET DE POUTE. They moved to Los Angeles where he was engaged in the railway business. Later they removed to Oklahoma where he was a successful merchant.
 2. ADA THRASHER b. 1-27-1875; m. MILES H. DAUBENSPECK in November, 1897, on the 24th. Miles Daubenspeck was b. 10-2-1871 near Glenwood. Ada (Thrasher) Daubenspeck was graduated from the Village Academy; they had issue:
 - a. WALKER DAUBENSPECK
- D. MARION THRASHER, M.D. was b. 3-13-1842 in Fayette Co., Ind.; m. 1864 to SARAH MURRAY, daughter of James Murray, and grand-daughter of Prof. James Alexander Murray, an old Glasgow professor and schoolmate of Carlyle. Sarah was editor of the Search Light, a noted literary paper. Marion Thrasher attended the village schools and the seminary, and subsequently, the University (now Butler U.) at Indianapolis. In 1862-63 he attended the Medical Department of the University of Michigan and in 1864-65 practiced medicine in Raleigh, Ind. Dr. Thrasher was a college professor for many years. He began his medical studies under his brother-in-law, Dr. James P. Orr, of Cincinnati. He was graduated in the medical department of University of California. He was a member of the San Francisco Medical Society, American Medical Association. He frequently presented medical theses before A.M.A., which papers were published in "The Journal of the A.M.A." MARION and SARAH (MURRAY) THRASHER had issue:
1. CLARENCE THRASHER who d. 1866 during infancy.
 2. CARROLL THRASHER b. 8-9-1876; graduated from Trinity College. He resided in San Francisco, Calif.
- E. HARRIET THRASHER b. 1844; d. 1874, at the time of birth of her second

- child. She m. DR. SAMUEL BELL of Philadelphia, Ind. Issue:
1. CHARLES BELL, MD, who resided in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- F. SARAH THRASHER b. 1847; m. 6-9-1874 her schoolmate, A. W. VANDEMAN, a prominent educator. They lived in Nebraska, then moved to Denver, Colo. Sarah (Thrasher) Vandeman was graduated from Lebanon College, Ohio.
1. GRACIE THRASHER VANDEMAN d. 1-4-1881.
 2. HERBERT ALLEN VANDEMAN b. 1879.
 3. CARL LOUIS VANDEMAN b. 1883.
- G. ALLEN BENTON THRASHER, M.D. b. 7-6-1851 in Fayette Co., Ind.; d. 7-31-1927 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He m. 7-3-1888 EDITH WILLIAMS, a highly educated woman. They both travelled extensively. Allen Benton Thrasher received his A.B. from Butler College in 1873; A.M., 1875; M.D., Medical College of Ohio, in 1881. He was an interne at the Cincinnati Hospital, 1880-81; practiced in Cincinnati, 1881 - ; laryngologist Good Samaritan Hospital, Christ Hospital; trustee Cincinnati Hospital, 1901-06. Fellow Am. College Surgeons, Am. Laryngologol. Assn., Am. Laryngol., Rhinol. and Otol. Soc. He was listed in Who's Who in America 1897-1942. He was a Mason and a Republican. ALLEN BENTON and EDITH (WILLIAMS) had issue:
1. BARBARA THRASHER
 2. RUTH THRASHER
 3. CORINNE THRASHER
- H. OLIVE THRASHER b. 1855; m. MARSHALL BLACKLEDGE of Rushville, Ind., from the prominent family in that section. She received a seminary education. OLIVE (THRASHER) and MARSHALL BLACKLEDGE had issue:
1. ALLEN BLACKLEDGE b. 1891.

Biscuits for Breakfast

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MARY SMELSER AND DESCENDANTS

BISCUITS FOR BREAKFAST and robust thoughts were hearty fare for the early settlers whose psychic and physical energizers were bound to the land -- its cultivation and its yield. Until the frontier communities were strong, pioneers lived inside stockades where they felt safe from Indian attacks. But by 1763 there was no longer any danger from internecine French and Indian war raids.

The frontier was moving westward, and the tillable land

lay like a bolt of green cloth to be seamed with the colonies and hemmed at the ocean. The Ordinance of 1785 was the needle stitching the pattern for surveying and selling the land, and the Ordinance of 1787 was the thimble that protected the people and prohibited slavery in the Northwest Territory.

The 'gaposis' on the Great Plains was partly secured by the Homestead Act of 1862 which provided that a person 21 years old or over could become the owner of 160 acres of public domain. All he had to do was build a house on the land, prove he had lived on it for five years, and pay a fee of \$18.

Railroads crossed the plains now, and served as buttonholes for inter-community contacts. Yet, before the advent of the iron rail there had been wagon roads, and before that, just forest trails. For men and women, sharing common ideals, had conquered the wilderness and crossed mountains, plains and deserts. Believing the government should be a servant of the people, they left an inheritance of human justice, dignity, and equality.

The American Revolution, which had become part of a world war, had been fought. And octogenary eighteenth century had seen the colonies momentarily tip towards disaster. Prices had soared, and paper money (script) had become next to worthless. Then, on October 7, 1780, the British were slaughtered at King's Mountain, South Carolina. About this time, Nathanael Greene, a Rhode Island Quaker, had assumed command of American forces in the South. The country's outlook began to rise.

Five months after Dan Morgan's triumph at Cowpens (January 17, 1781) and four months before the Cornwallis surrender at Yorktown (October 19, 1781), another child was born to Peter Smelser and his wife, Barbara.

MARY SMELSER was b. 6-30-1781 and d. 12-10-1864. She m. her cousin JOHN SMELTZER b. 9-12-1773; d. 1-30-1838 (age 64-4-16) and is buried with two sons and a grandson at Martin's Cemetery in Elizabeth Township, Miami County, Ohio, about five miles east of Troy. The burial ground is one of Miami County's oldest; it lies

east of the Valley View Farm, and may be reached by an access lane from Walnut Grove Road. The cemetery is circular; its diameter is approximately 130 feet, and is on a soft rise of ground which has the appearance of an elaborate setting in a ring. In almost the exact center of the mound is a solitary Norwegian maple. At its base, facing east, are three Smelser limestone slabs whose inscriptions have been erased by the same fingers of time that grooved the tree trunk and sent its roots out to rest like a gentle gnarled hand on the earth. On the other side of the tree, and slightly to the right, is the stone for Mathias, son of Reuben, and grandson of John and Mary Smeltzer. Mrs. Norton Lindenberger of Troy located a bill for John's coffin, which indicates the cost to have been just \$9.00! I do not know the names of John's parents. His father might be Jacob who d. in Miami Co., Ohio, in 1839 or 1840.

JOHN SMELTSER'S WILL

I John Smeltser of the County of Miami in the State of Ohio do Make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and Form following that is to say first it is my will that my funeral Expenses and all my Just Debts be fully paid -----
 Secondly I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Smeltser all my Real and personal property and all my money and Debts owing to me to have and to hold the same During her natural life time thirdly I Give and Devise to my four Children Andrew Smeltser Reuben Smeltser, Margaret Harter and Mary Clyne all the property and moneys of what ever nature and kind it may be left after the Decease of my said wife to be Equally Divided Between my four Children as aforesaid an it is my will that My wife Shall give my youngest son Reuben Smeltser six months Schooling out of the property left to her -----
 and lastly I hereby Constitute and appoint my Said wife Mary Smeltser and my said son Andrew Smeltser to be the Executors of this my last will and testament Revoking and annulling all former wills by me made and Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament --- In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 13th Day of January 1838
 Signed published and Declared /s/ John Smeltser (SEAL)
 by the above named John Smeltser
 on and for his last will and testament
 in presence of us who at his Request
 have signed as witnesses to the same
 John Enyeart
 Robert Sproul

This will is on file at Miami County, Ohio. It was drawn on 1-13-1838, and was offered for probate 4-2-1838. His one son, Peter, predeceased him, having d. 7-19-1830.

Before 1803, most of the area now included in Montgomery, Miami, Butler, Hamilton

and similar counties was part of Hamilton County -- and lands were bought therein from John Cleves Symmes, who owned so many acres in this part of the Northwest Territory. He defaulted on some of his payments and lands in Montgomery and Miami Counties were reclaimed by the government and sold to settlers by land patent. The original deeds for most of the Symmes purchases and sold by Symmes, are in the Hamilton County Court House in Cincinnati. Some of these old records were destroyed by fire in 1884.

John Smeltzer's estate file, number 882, lists only household goods and foods in the inventory. However, Deed Book 5, p. 273, shows that John Smeltzer bought land from George A. Hunt, 6-13-1824; this was in section 21 Township 2 Range 10 of Elizabeth Township. Book 7, p. 408, indicates that John Smeltzer sold land in Section 21, Township 2 Range 10 to Peter Smeltzer 2-17-1830. It is conceivable that this is his son, mentioned above. Book 8, p. 31: John sold more land in Section 21 Township 2 Range 10 on 5-10-1830 to Jacob D. Harter. He sold land in that location to Andrew Smeltzer on 8-6-1831 (Book 8, p. 602). These last two deeds are also signed by his wife Mary.

MARY SMELSER and JOHN SMELTZER had issue:

- I. PETER SMELTZER b. 2-21-1805; d. 7-19-1830. Buried at Martin's Cemetery.
- II. MARGARET (PEGGY) SMELTZER b. 7-19-1807. She m. 7-1-1832 in Miami Co., O. HENRY HARTER. There is also a record for a Margaret Smeltzer who m. James B. Harter. This is without a date and may be in error. I do not know if Margaret had issue.
- III. MARY (POLLY) SMELTZER b. 10-27-1811; m. 1-16-1829 in Miami Co. INGRAHAM CLYNE. The record shows the spelling to be INGRAM. There is a grave in the old Staunton Cemetery (Miami Co.) for Barbara Clyne, daughter of Ingrain and Mary, b. 1803, d. 1812. They might be the parents of Ingraham, spouse of Mary Smeltzer. The Clyne family lived either in Elizabeth, Lost Creek or Staunton townships. People did not go far from home for wives in those days. Further research reveals that Isaac Clyne, Sr. m. an Olive Ingraham, daughter of Arthur Ingraham of Ipswich, England. Isaac came to Miami County about 1809-1811, and had these children: Hannah, Elizabeth, Letitia, Isaac, Ingraham. Ingraham went to Delaware Co., Ind.
 - A. MARY CLYNE
 - B. GEORGE CLYNE
- IV. REUBEN KYLE SMELTZER b. 2-18-1821 near Troy; d. 5-6-1882 in Blountsville, Ind. He m. 9-28-1843 in Miami Co., Ohio SARAH A. CAIRNS b. 11-28-1823; d. 7-15-1905. Reuben Smeltzer was a wagon maker by trade. Issue:
 - A. GEORGE W. SMELTZER b. 1-4-1846 near Troy; d. 4-21-1907 in Delaware Co. He m. 12-8-1869 in Henry Co. (Ind.) SARAH A. BOWMAN b. 3-9-1849; d. 11-12-1930 at Muncie, Ind. Both are buried at the Beech Grove Cemetery in Muncie. Sarah (Bowman) Smeltzer was a charter member of the Martha Washington Club, organized in January, 1903, in Delaware Co., Ind. Mr. Smeltzer was a carpenter. His Civil War card, on file at the Indiana State Library in Indianapolis, lists the following: "Pvt. Co. B. 147th Regt. 1 yr. He was enrolled 2-14-1865 at Muncie by Lt. Gibson, and mustered in at Richmond by Capt. Kinley 2-15-1865. Age 19, blue eyes, light hair, height 5'-7", fair complexion. Nativity - Miami Co., Ohio. Farmer. Mustered out at Harper's, Va., 8-4-1865.

"Promoted to Corp. 2-15-1865." GEORGE and SARAH SMELTZER had issue:

1. CLARENCE LEO SMELTZER b. 9-22-1870 at Blountsville; m. 5-4-1892 at Winchester, Ind. DELLA DRAGOO, daughter of William Dragoo. She d. 6-12-1949 at San Francisco, and is buried at Cypress Grove. Mr. Smeltzer was a motion picture operator before retirement. He spent nine weeks in Denver at the Denver Opera House with the picture, "Hearts of the World," in 1918. In a letter to me dated 9-25-1960, he wrote, in part: ". . .When I lived in Blountsville, I met a cousin of my father from Troy, Ohio. I liked her very much and as I did a lot of solo hiking as a youngster, I walked over to Troy and had a nice visit. She tried to teach me the old songs of the '80's and 90's. But I could never do much in the way of singing.

"I kept up the solo walks into 1902, to Anderson, Indianapolis, Marion -- to Louisville, Ky., Fort Wayne (where I striped farm wagons at the Studebaker Works). I also did this at the Hickory Wagon Works in Louisville. After my marriage in 1892, I went in 1893 as a State Militiaman to the Chicago Fair. One hitch was in St. Louis for six months. Since then I have covered most every state in the U.S., British Columbia, Mexico (pictures), two trips to Hawaii and five months in Long Island. After 34 years in Indiana, I landed in San Diego in 1904, and San Francisco in 1908. I spent 46 years in the picture business, retiring in 1956, living the 'Life of Riley', but not altogether idle." This letter was written on the third day after his 90th birthday. Address: Continental Hotel, 127 Ellis Street, San Francisco, Calif. CLARENCE and DELLA (DRAGOO) SMELTZER'S issue:

- a. WILLIAM G. SMELTZER b. 3-13-1893 at Winchester, Ind.; m. 8-8-1922 in Palo Alto, Calif. NYDIA LEGARDE. He is a motion picture theatre manager. Address: 666 Hope St., Mountain View, Calif.
2. INFANT SON b. 8-19-1872 at Blountsville; d. 8-20-1872 same place.
3. CLAYTON W. SMELTZER b. 1874 in Delaware Co., Ind.; d. 7-29-1872 in Muncie, Ind. He m. 6-30-1900 at Delaware Co. OLIVE ELIZABETH TAYLOR who d. 1950. Both are buried at Beech Grove. Mr. Smeltzer was a painter and wallpaper hanger. They had issue.
 - a. EDRIC SMELTZER b. 12-29-1902 in Delaware Co. He is a shop worker.
 - b. TAYLOR MOORE SMELTZER b. 12-28-1904 in Delaware Co.; d. 12-27-1905 age one year, in Muncie. Buried at Beech Grove Cemetery.
 - c. MALE b. 1-17-1907 in Delaware Co.
4. HARRY SMELTZER b. 1-20-1877 in Blountsville; d. ca 10 years ago in Glendale, Calif., and is buried at Los Angeles. He m. in Muncie CORA WAY of Baleville, Ind. Mr. Smeltzer lived in Glendale, Calif. for 30 years. Issue:
 - a. HOWARD SMELTZER b. 6-9-1903 at Delaware Co. He is a pharmacist and lives at 2872 Ransford Ave., Pacific Grove, Calif. Issue:
 - i. RICHARD SMELTZER
 - ii. SUSAN SMELTZER
5. GUY F. SMELTZER b. 12-15-1887 at Selma, Ind.; m. 10-14-1919 at Delaware Co. FLETA C. REDDING b. 9-28-1891 at Muncie, daughter of Charles and Margaret Redding. Mr. Smeltzer is a pharmacist at the Hooks Drug Store. Address: 501 W. North St., Muncie, Ind. No issue.
- V. ANDREW SMELTZER d. 3-7-1839 age 34-8-1 (b. 8-6-1804). Martin's Cemetery.



FLAT ROCK CREEK, winding narrowly through Rush County, Indiana, is a knitted brow on the face of the farms.

JOHN SMELSER built his mill on Flat Rock Creek in 1822 or 1823; four years later (so it is said), his son drowned there while trying to retrieve a kitten on a walk across the water.

In 1936 the Indiana Magazine of History printed a story about the Smelser mill. The article, written by John Nipp, refers to the mill as "The Smelser or 'Tim' White Mill." Nipp states: "The first grinding mill was built at a point on Flat Rock River two miles directly west of Ging's Station in 1822 or 1823 by one John (or 'Boss') Smelser, the great-grandfather of the Smelsers of Rush County. This mill was the best and most popular mill in the county

for many years. It was said that he owned, at one time, in fee simple 2200 acres of Rush Co. land. A saw mill and distillery was built several years later. He operated this distillery in connection with his grist mill. The distillery was operated both day and night for many years, and its capacity was from 15 to 24 barrels every 24 hours."⁴⁹ The article further states that in 1843 Gail Hiatt, Timothy P. White and Jacob Daubenspeck (NOTE: Jacob Daubenspeck b. 1797 is the son of Barbara and Philip Daubenspeck. Barbara is the sister of John Smelser who is reputedly the owner of the mills.) formed a company to build a new 50-barrel flour mill to replace the older one which was torn down. Nipp relates: "The distillery was discontinued but the community was known as Smelser's Mills and was composed of the mills, a good grocery store and a postoffice. This was in 1860. Since then, the mills are gone, the grocery is gone and the postoffice is gone.

"The mill was operated by an 8-foot head of water. The mill race was very long but the diversion dam was only two feet high. This flouring mill ran for many years with this out-of-date equipment. But in 1870, T. P. White, who owned the mill at this time, made some valuable improvements on it and its capacity was increased to 100 barrels per day. A new 50 hsp turbine water wheel was installed and a renovating of the wheat cleaning department was made. The White Mills had no equal for custom grinding in the state."⁵⁰

John Nipp stated that he was a miller of these mills in 1875, at which time he received half the mill profits and was furnished a dwelling and cow pasture, but

left Mr. White in 1876 "to better my condition." Mr. Nipp, writing knowledgeably about the Smelser mills, claimed the mills are now gone. Taken literally, this would mean there is no longer a mill building (1936). But family tradition asserts that the photograph in the Family Album is of the Smelser Mill in Rush Co., which building still stands. I know this particular building is there, for I photographed it several times in 1960, when I mapped out a "family tour" of this section of the county.

John Smelser lived in a large white house ca 1½ miles east of the mill. This house is currently owned by a Mr. Waggoner, according to information supplied by Dr. Marshall T. Smelser.

One other known printed reference is made to the mill in an 1888 history of Rush County. It cites the mill among the early industries: "In Union Township, John Smelser built the first grist mill in 1822 or '23, on Flat Rock, which was for many years the best and most popular mill in the county. A few years later he erected a large distillery at the same point and also a saw mill."

Milling was a family occupation. John Smelser's youngest brother, Jacob, had a mill in nearby Wayne Co., Ind. The father (Peter Smelser) had a mill in Bourbon Co., Ky. Whimsically, the Bourbon County land was on Flat Run -- John's mill in Rush Co. was on Flat Rock Creek. The Bourbon mill was on land adjoining the property of John Kiser. John Smelser's daughter Jane married James Kiser of Bourbon Co., Ky.

Mrs. Wade Whitley of Paris, Ky., called my attention to the Smelser mill in Bourbon Co. There was an article on the old mills of her region, which she wrote for the Paris, Ky. Kentuckian Citizen. It appeared in the Friday, February 7, 1958 edition. This reference is detailed in Chapter 2 (Introduction) of this book.

JOHN SMELSER b. 11-26-1778 in Bourbon Co., Ky.; d. 9-10-1840. He m. ABIGAIL KIPLINGER b. 4-6-1789; d. 10-26-1837. Both are buried at East Hill Cemetery in Rushville, Ind., several sections away from the grave of Wendell Wilkie, 1940 Presidential nominee and author of One World. John and Abigail moved to Rush Co. in 1823.

John and Abigail presented the elder Smelsers with the most grandchildren, who lived and flourished in an era when lye making, apple cider, and corduroy roads were vitamins to their pithy way of life.

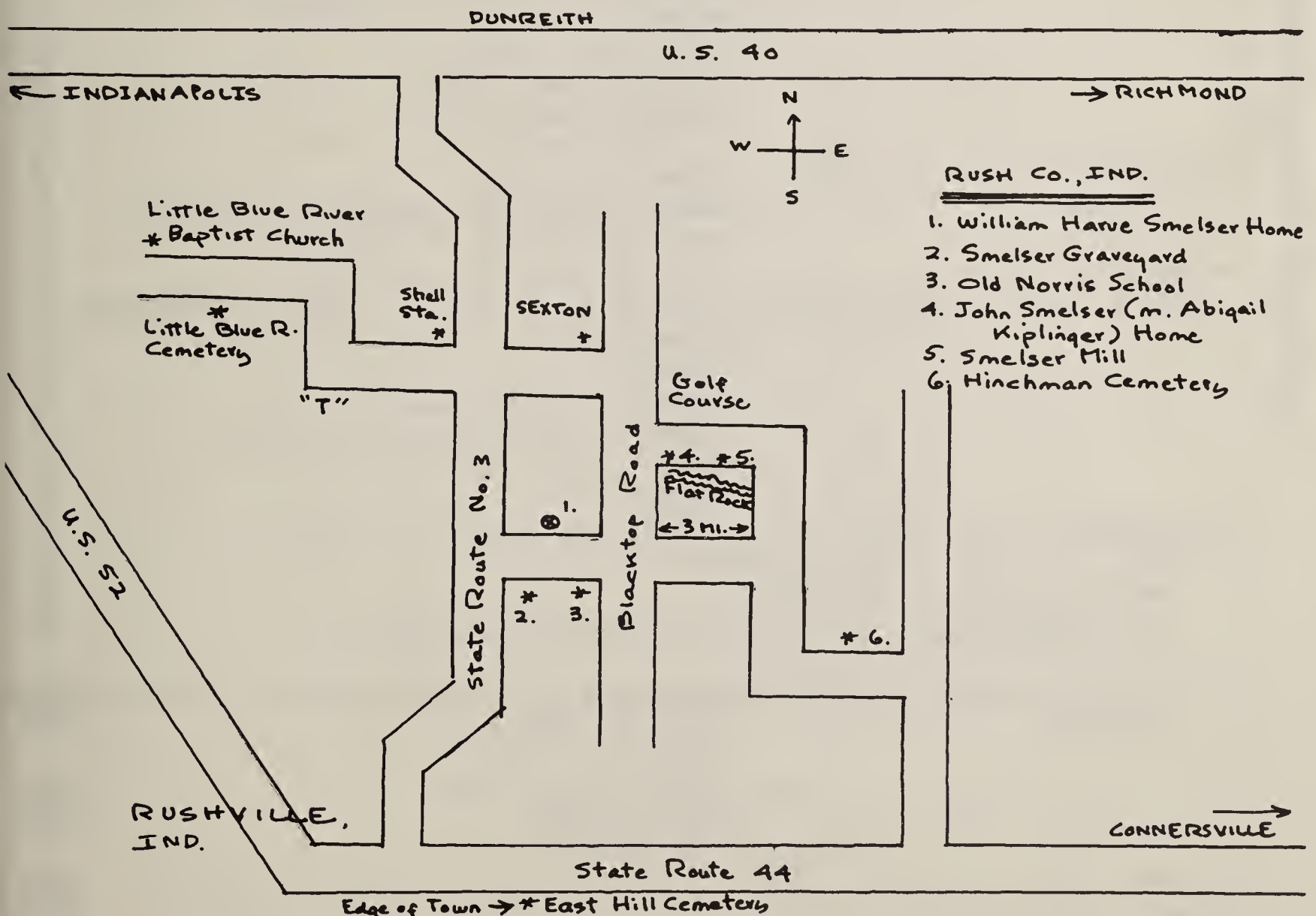
John and Abigail Smelser did not live to witness the birth of one of their own grandchildren (Jesse b. 1840) the very year John Parsons set out to look over the state of Indiana. Parsons learned to know the Hoosiers fairly well, and immortalized that trip in his diary which flows and bubbles with his new "acquaintance." It might have been with tongue in cheek and a conspiring wink that John Parsons jotted down this little story which he penned while in Boone Co., Ind.: "'You must understand, young sir,' said he, addressing me, 'that in the thirteen or more years that have elapsed since the settling of this county, great changes have occurred. The heavy timber, level surface, and porous soil of Boone were not very attractive to the agriculturist at the first settlement and accordingly the pursuit of game and the collection of skins, furs and wild honey were reck-

"oned far more important than any kind of farming. The only real necessities for a family at that time were two rifles, powder and lead, a barrel of salt, a camp kettle, and a couple dogs. At this time, the only currency was the skins of deer, raccoons, mink and wild honey, and even now, though we have a considerable number of farmers, a large amount of money is made by these hunters and trappers, some even acquiring as much as five thousand dollars a year.

"In these early days,' he continued, 'tis said that a traveler from Cincinnati came hither in company with a resident of the county and encountered on the road a man whose horse was so covered with the skins of 'varmints' as almost to hide both the horse and rider, and the only information he could get was that this was the collector of the county seat with the 'funds' from one of the townships.'

"When asked if this were true, he replied with a laugh, 'Well, at any rate, the story found its way into the newspapers, and those who gave full credit to the statement must have supposed the collector of Boone had an odd set of customers to collect his poll tax from. The coon skins, it was said, were for the state, the deer for county revenue, and the mink for change.'"51

And so the levity among the Jack Bennys of their day was a penultimate innocence to the boiling hysteria of the Civil War which would find men like Jesse Smelser to be of the right age.



JOHN SMELSER m. ABIGAIL KIPLINGER

JOHN SMELSER m. ABIGAIL KIPLINGER

OH, TO BE IN BLUBBERHOUSES, YORKS., NOW THAT APRIL'S THERE

Of all people who ever imposed names upon a newly discovered country the Americans have certainly been the most unlucky in their choice. - The Quarterly Review (London). January, 1815.

Great Neck and Little Rock will never rate

With Horse Wynd, Giggleswick, and Snoring (Great).

The bards of Isle of Dogs and Coalbrookdale
Can sing of Whetstone, Hanley Child, and Sale,
Make rimes for Oystermouth, Haltwhistle,
Loose, Leighton Buzzard, Oswaldtwistle,
Sunk Island, Spithead, Wrangle, Rotten Row,
Papcastle, Wigtown, Amble, Westward Ho!,
Fair Foulness, that proud city near the Crouch -
Nearly as proud as Ashby de la Zouche -
Tickhill, Loch Awe, Mold, Frogmore, Rye,
Hoo, Cheapside, Cowpen, Ash, or Eye,
Much Birch, Chew Magna, Horsey, Stour,
All Hallows Barking, near the Tower,
Usk, Rawmarsh, Slough, Ware, Box, or Bray,
Chalk, Fishguard, Gibbet Hills, or Hay.

French Lick and Haverstraw must yield a tittle

To Pinchbeck, Swine, and Snoring (Little).

--- Marshall Smelser
The New Yorker, 26 April 1952, p. 99.
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(NOTE: Poet is the great-great-grandson of John & Abigail Smelser.)

JOHN SMELSOR'S LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

I, John Smelsor of the county of Rush in the State of Indiana, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any heretofore made. First, I direct that my body be decently interred, and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estate and situation in life, and as to such worldly estate as it has pleased God to entreat me with. I dispose of the same as follows to-wit: I direct first that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my executors, from any portion of my real or personal estate. And the residue of my estate both real and personal including Bank Stock, I devise and bequeath as follows (to wit) Firstly, I have heretofore given and deeded to my son Peter lands to the value of twenty three hundred and fifty dollars, which is his full portion of my real estate and all that he is to have a reference to the Deeds of Record will appear. Secondly I have heretofore given and deeded to my son John lands to the value of sixteen hundred dollars as by reference aforesaid will appear. No in order to make him up in amount equal to his brother Peter. I give and bequeath unto my said son John seven hundred and fifty dollars, which added to sixteen hundred dollars will make the amount which Peter has had. Thirdly, I have heretofore given and deeded to my son Jacob lands to the value of Twenty one hundred dollars as by a reference aforesaid will appear. Now in order to make him up in amount equal with his brother Peter, I give and bequeath unto my said son Jacob Two hundred and fifty dollars, which added to Twenty one hundred dollars will make the amount equal with his brother Peter. Fourthly, I have heretofore given and deeded to my son Andrew lands to the value of Two thousand dollars, as by a reference as aforesaid will appear. Now in order to make him in amount equal with his brother Peter, I give and bequeath unto my said son Andrew three hundred and fifty dollars, which added to the Two thousand will make the amount equal with his brother Peter. Fifthly, I have heretofore given and deeded to my youngest son (Jesse Smelsor) lands to the value of four thousand dollars (accepting and reserving therein to myself a lifetime estate. and in addition to the above, I give and devise to him and to his heirs and assigns forever, the north half, of the north east quarter of section no. sixteen, in township fourteen, north of range ten east, in the District of Brookville Indiana containing Eighty acres (more or less) also I give and bequeath to him personal property as follows (to wit) One Brass Clock, one secretary, six Windsor chairs, Six common chairs, One Bed Bedding and sted, one dining Table, and one hundred dollars in cash, in lieu of a horse, saddle and bridle which he would be entitled to, to equalize him with his brothers, the above is all of either real or personal property or legacy, of my estate which he is ever to have. Sixthly, I have heretofore, given and deeded to my four daughters (to wit) Elizabeth Ross, Jane Kiser, Geo Anna Smelsor, and Mary Ann Smelsor, all the land, which I design for them to have. Seventhly, That in order to equalize my two single daughters (to wit) Geo Anna and Mary Ann, with the two which are married (to wit) Elizabeth Ross and Jane Kiser - I hereby give and bequeath unto each of them one cow and calf,

one bed, bedding and sted, one beaureau, one Table and pot metal &c in amt equal
 # to what their sister received.
 # Eighthly, That it is my and direction that of the residue of my personal es-
 # tate (including Bank Stock and all other species of property, which may be
 # left at my decease, shall be realized into cash as soon as possible, and after
 # paying the bequests herein stated, (to wit) to my son John Seven hundred and
 # fifty dollars, to my son Jacob two hundred and fifty dollars, to my son Andrew
 # three hundred and fifty dollars, and to my son Jesse one hundred dollars (the
 # remainder if any shall be equally distributed among all my children share and
 # share alike (except my son Jesse) Ninthly, It is my will and direction, that
 # all the lands which I may legally have or hild (at my decease) either by fee
 # simple title or otherwise, and not herein otherwise disposed of, shall remain
 # unsold until my daughter Mary Ann (my youngest child) arrive to the age of
 # Twenty one years, then to be sold to the highest bidder, on the following con-
 # dition (to wit) One fifth of the purchase money to be paid in hand, and the
 # remain in four equal annual instalments and when collected to be equally dis-
 # tributed among all my children (except Jesse) share and share alike. And
 # lastly, I hereby make and ordain Peter Smelsor and Jacob Smelsor (my sons) and
 # James M. Ross (my son in law) Executors of this my last will and testament.
 # In witness whereof, I John Smelsor, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this
 # twenty second day of June Eighteen hundred and thirty nine.

John Smelsor (SEAL)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named John Smelser his
 # last will and testament, in the presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed
 # our names as witnesses thereto in the presence (of each other) of the said
 # Testator and in the presence of each other.

Job Pugh
 Thomas Pugh
 Robert Thompson

And as further bequest, it is my will and direction, that my son Jesse and my
 # daughter Mary Ann have each one year's schooling in some good seminary, the
 # tuition be given before they arrive at the age of eighteen years, and the ex-
 # penses to be paid out of estate upon distribution. June 22" 1839

Attest: Thos. Pugh, Job Pugh, John Smelsor (SEAL)
 # Robert Thompson

State of Indiana)
 # Rush County) ss Be it remembered that on the 21" day of September A.D.
 # 1840, personally came Job Pugh and Thomas Pugh two of the subscribing wit-
 # nesses to the foregoing instrument before me Robert Thompson Clerk of the Rush
 # Circuit Court and after being by me duly sworn and affirmed did depose and say
 # that they say the above named John Smelsor subscribe his name and affix his
 # seal to the foregoing instrument in writing and at the same time heard him the
 # said John Smelsor (now deceased) declare the same to be his last Will and
 # Testament and these affiants further on the oath and affirmation say that said
 # John Smelsor was at the time of the signing thereof, of a sound mind and mem-

ory and perfectly able to dispose of property. And that these affiants sub- #
scribed their names to said last Will and Testament in the presence and at the #
request of said Testator and in the presence of each other.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy
of the last Will and Testament of John Smelsor and the certificate of proof
endorsed thereon, as now on file in my office. Give under my hand this 5"
June 1843.

[illegible]

I. PETER SMELSER b. 1809 m. PHEBE _____. The 1850 Rush Co., Ind., census indicates Peter as a farmer with a real estate value of \$6,400. He was born in Kentucky, and his wife and children were born in Indiana. The children named in the 1850 census are Iris, May, George and Rebecca. The family chart (1895) listed Samuel, Timothy, and George. PETER and PHEBE'S issue:

- A. SAMUEL SMELSER
- B. TIMOTHY SMELSER
- C. IRIS SMELSER b. 1844 in Indiana.
- D. MAY H. SMELSER b. 1847 in Indiana.
- E. GEORGE M/W SMELSER b. 1848 in Indiana.
- F. REBECCA I. SMELSER b. 1849 in Indiana.

A. JESSE SMELSER b. 1840 in Ind.; m. 12-25-1862 in Marion Co., Ind. SUSAN
HAFFIELD. They had issue:

1. V. GLEN SMELSER living at 1047 12th St., Santa Monica, Calif.
2. C. VERL SMELSER living at 2336 32nd St., Santa Monica, Calif.
3. ROY E. SMELSER living at 2340 Virginia Ave., Santa Monica, Calif.
4. CLARENCE L. SMELSER living at 2340½ Virginia Ave., Santa Monica.
5. CLEO SMELSER living at 1001 12th St., Santa Monica, Calif.

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farmer worth \$4,800. JOHN and MINERVA (MORGAN) SMELSER had issue:

- A. ELIZABETH PAULINE (PINEY) SMELSER b. 2-7-1838 in Ind.; d. 1-21-1915.
- B. MARY JANE SMELSER b. 10-1-1839 in Ind.; d. 3-26-1859 age 19 yrs. and 5 mos. She is buried in the Smelser Graveyard, Union Twp., Rush Co., Ind.
- C. GEORGANNAH ELIZAH SMELSER b. 10-29-1842 in Ind.; d. 10-19-1934.
- D. MARSHALL TAYLOR SMELSER b. 5-25-1846 in Ind.; d. 12-10-1928. He was a school teacher who m. 10-5-1875 MARY ELIZABETH JEWELL b. 1852; d. 1931. MARSHALL TAYLOR and MARY ELIZABETH (JEWELL) SMELSER had issue:

- 1. ELIZA SMELSER b. 8-1-1877; d. 5-18-1927. She m. DAVE TIMMONS whose last known residence was Toledo, Ohio. They had issue:
 - a. GENEVA TIMMONS
 - b. GEORGE TIMMONS
 - c. INFANT, deceased.
- 2. ALBERT MARION SMELSER b. 3-6-1880 at Rigdon, Ind.; d. 1946. He m. (1) MARGARET BADGER (2) GLADYS ALMA VAN HOOK b. 1892 at St. Louis, Mo.; d. 1954. She is the daughter of Henrietta (Garrett) b. 1877 at Sacramento, Calif., and Isaac van Hook. From Dr. Marshall Smelser, son of subject individual, we learn that: "Albert Marion Smelser was a professional portrait photographer. In the hey-day of vaudeville he was one of the best known theatrical photographers in the United States, providing the publicity photographs needed by variety artists who bought them in lots of hundreds or thousands. Among the well-known performers during that extinct theatrical age who were his regular patrons were Blossom Seeley, Trixie Friganza, Sliding Billy Watson, and Mrs. Rudolph Valentino. He also made widely used photographs of Lorado Taft, the sculptor, and Jascha Heifetz, the violinist.

"In the late 1920's Mr. Smelser began to exhibit in the leading competitive photographic salons. His works were 'hung' in practically every leading American salon, winning many ribbons, and also in several of the leading foreign exhibitions, including the Tokyo Salon, and the London Salon, which exhibited his work in the Royal Gallery of Painters in Water Color. He also did a photographic portrait, with a 'Rembrandt lighting,' of his friend William S. Schwartz a Chicago painter whose work is owned by forty-five public galleries. Schwartz reciprocated by sketching Mr. Smelser in oil." The painting is now owned by Marshall Smelser of South Bend, Ind. ALBERT MARION and MARGARET (BADGER) SMELSER had issue:

- a. JOHN HAROLD SMELSER b. 1907. Address: Honeoye, New York.
- b. ORMUS HARWOOD SMELSER b. 1908; d. 1942 at Ft. Wayne, Ind.

ALBERT MARION and ALMA (VAN HOOK) SMELSER had issue:

- c. MARSHALL TAYLOR SMELSER II b. 2-4-1912 at Joliet, Ill.; m. 12-27-1937 at Quincy, Ill., ANNA MAY PADBERG b. 12-20-1913 in St. Louis, Mo. The wedding was held at St. Boniface Church (the Rev. Louis Hufker) as were the weddings of Mrs. Smelser's parents, maternal grandparents and great-grandparents. The historic church was seriously damaged by fire in 1959; the parish dates back to 1829. Anna May (Padberg) Smelser is the daughter of Anna May Lubbe of Quincy (b. 1885) and Raymond J. Padberg, D.D.S. (1884-1932). Raymond J. Padberg's parents came from Ger-

many to St. Louis in 1848. The mother is Mathilda Hoevelman who d. 1929, the second wife of Lorenz Padberg (1836-1922) who served in the U.S. Army during the Civil War. Anna May Lubbe is the daughter of Emma Hoehn (1854-1944) and Joseph Lubbe, vintner (1850-1927), who were m. 5-26-1876. Emma Hoehn's parents are Josephine Binkert and Philip Hoehn were were m. 1852/53. Philip Hoehn went to California during the gold rush. Josephine Binkert is the daughter of Theresa Troxler and Anton Binkert who were m. in Germany and came to Quincy in 1837. Joseph Lubbe (the maternal grandfather of Anna May Smelser) is the son of Elizabeth Sanders and Anton Lubbe who came from Germany to Quincy. Anton Lubbe was a member of the Home Guards, Civil War. Joseph Lubbe was a Trustee of St. Boniface.

Anna May (Padberg) Smelser received her A.B. in 1935 from Maryville College of St. Louis, Mo. She was a member of the Indiana Legislature 1953-57, representing St. Joseph Co. Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Smelser are Roman Catholics.

Marshall Taylor Smelser II received his A.B. in 1935 from Quincy College, Ph.B. (1936) and A.M. (1938) from St. Louis University, and A.M. (1942) and Ph.D. (1948) from Harvard University. Dr. Smelser has been a faculty member of the St. Louis U., College of St. Thomas, U. of Dayton, and U. of Detroit. He was Walgreen Lecturer, U. of Chicago (1955), and Forestal Fellow at the United State Naval Academy (1956-57). He has taught at the University of Notre Dame since 1947, and became Chairman of the History Department in January, 1960. He served as American Red Cross man with the 95th Infantry Division, W.W.II. He travelled (1945) in Britain, France, Germany, and Italy and in (1958) Greece, France, Lebanon, and Morocco. He was on the Board of Review, St. Joseph Co., Ind., 1949-54 and a member of the St. Joseph Co. Central Democratic Committee, 1952-56, and served as Delegation Tally Clerk for the Democratic National Convention of 1956. He was Pres., Notre Dame Chapter, A.A.U.P. 1953-54, member of the Faculty Club, Notre Dame, is on Board of Trustees of the Cleland School, is a member of the Indiana Society of Pioneers and the General Society of the War of 1812. He has been listed in many scholastic publications including Who's Who in Indiana, Directory of American Scholars 1957, and Who's Who in America 1960-61. Professor Smelser has published five books, ca 20 articles and notes, and six poems, four of which appeared in The New Yorker. Books are: American Colonial and Revolutionary History (New York: Barnes & Noble, 1950), The Campaign for the Sugar Islands, 1759, with foreward by Samuel Eliot Morison (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1955), written with Harry Kirwin Conceived in Liberty: The History of the United States (New York: Doubleday, 1955), American History at a Glance (New York: Barnes & Noble, 1959), and The Congress Founds the Navy, 1787-1798 (Notre Dame: The University Press, 1959). Books in process are: Land of Their Pilgrimage (1963) and The Democratic

- Republic 1801-1817, Vol. 14 of the New American Nation series. Professional articles appeared in American Historical Review, William and Mary Quarterly, Louisiana Historical Quarterly, Mid-American, Names: The Journal of the American Name Society, Review of Politics, Journal of the Illinois State Historical Soc., American Quarterly, Military Affairs, Proceedings of the U.S. Naval Institute, Notes and Queries (Oxford), American Council on Social Studies, Notre Dame Lawyer and St. Louis University Studies. I am grateful to Dr. Smelser for his many "helps", not the least of which is suggested background reading lists for this research. Address: 2057 Riverside Dr., South Bend, Ind. Issue:
- i. MARY ELIZABETH SMELSER b. 6-18-1941 at St. Louis, Mo. She is attending the St. Mary's Hospital nursing school at Rochester, Minn. and St. Teresa's College, Winona, Minn. During her sophomore year at St. Teresa's, she ranked 6th in her class of several hundred.
 - ii. MARY KATHERINE SMELSER b. 3-15-1956 at South Bend, Ind.
- d. HOWARD NEAL SMELSER b. 7-2-1919 at Springfield, Ill.; m. MARIE AGNES BELKER, descendant of Michael Mast, the first Plattdeutsch settler in the region. Mrs. Smelser's parents are Louise Herold (b. 1882 in Adams Co., Ill.; d. 10-27-1943) and Bernard Anthony Belker (b. 1-18-1869 at Quincy; d. 4-27-1939). Louise Herold Belker's parents are Louise Knieghauser and _____ Herold b. in Germany. Bernard Belker's parents are Mary Oenning and _____ Belker from Germany. Howard Neal Smelser was educated in the public schools of Quincy. He joined the Sea Bees, U.S.N.R., with an SF1/c rating during W.W.II. He was a Shipfitter 1st class and served in the Pacific Theater in 1950; his hobbies are guns, shooting, and flying. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus (4th degree) and the American Business Club. He is a professional photographer and has had three prints hanging at the Conventions of Phototographers Association of America. In 1946 he bought the Smelser Photography Studio which he operated until 1961, at which time he moved to Eau Claire, Wisc., to work with an ecclesiastical supply house. Former address: 1 Hickory Grove, Quincy, Ill. Issue:
- i. MARSHA ANN SMELSER b. 12-19-1940 at Quincy; m. _____ HUEGEL. Address: 613 N. 13th St., Quincy, Ill. They have two children.
 - ii. NEAL HOWARD SMELSER, JR. b. 6-15-1943 at Quincy.
 - iii. BRIAN LINDSEY SMELSER b. 5-14-1951 at Quincy.
 - iv. MARSHALL TAYLOR SMELSER III b. 11-5-1955 at Quincy.
 - v. GUY ALLEN SMELSER b. 3-24-1958 at Quincy.
3. AGNES SMELSER b. 7-31-1889; m. GLEN COWGILL. No issue.
4. ANNA SMELSER b. 11-24-1892; m. GUY DAVIS. Anna d. 7-1-1925. Issue:
- a. CECELIA ALTA DAVIS b. 2-2-1909 at Mulberry, Ind.; m. NASH GASCHO and lives at Box 264, Mulberry, Ind. Issue:
 - i. MARYLIN GASCHO m. _____ CLAWSON.
 - ii. BARBARA GASCHO m. _____ PULLEY.
 - iii. JAY LINN GASCHO
 - iv. NANCY GASCHO

- v. ROBERT GASCHO in the U.S. Air Force.
- vi. DAVID LEE GASCHO attending Purdue University.
- vii. PHILLIP GASCHO attending Terre Haute College.
- b. LEWIS MARSHALL DAVIS b. 8-29-1910 at Mulberry, Ind. He works for a company which runs a paper mill in Muskegan. Address: 1935 Harrison Ave., Muskegan, Mich. Issue:
 - i. DENNIS DAVIS attending college at Ann Arbor, Mich.
 - ii. TERRY DAVIS attending junior college.
- c. GERTRUDE JEWELL DAVIS b. 7-26-1915 at Mulberry, Ind.; m. KENNETH B. HOLLAND (by Dr. White of the United Brethren Church) b. 4-11-1914 at Frankfort, Ind. He is the son of Bessie E. Benge (d. 5-13-1949) and W. F. Holland (d. 5-26-1953). Kenneth Holland is a member of the M. E. Church and F.O.E. Mrs. Holland is a member of M. E. Church and Eastern Star. Address: 659 S. Second St., Frankfort, Ind. GERTRUDE JEWELL and KENNETH HOLLAND'S chn:
 - i. BEVERLY ANN HOLLAND b. 9-23-1938, a graduate of Ball State College, Muncie, Ind.
 - ii. PATRICIA ARLENE HOLLAND b. 6-3-1943
 - iii. SHIRLEY L. HOLLAND b. and d. 12-8-1940.
- E. EMBREE CLAYTON SMELSER b. 1-23-1849 in Ind.; d. 12- -1932. He m. in Marion Co., Ind. (Book 2, p. 899) 4-6-1890 FLORA ALICE HANDSHEW.
- F. ELLIOTT MARION SMELSER b. 12-31-1850; d. 9-5-1859.
- G. JULIA EMELINE LOUISE SMELSER b. 10-24-1853; d. 8-9-1892. On 1-3-1883 she m. ROYAL TITUS.
- H. MILTON AMAZIAH MORGAN SMELSER b. 6-13-1856 in Wayne or Rush Co., Ind.; d. 1930. He m. 4- -1897 ROSELSY ELVINA BAIRD b. 1877 in Grant Co. Ind.; d. 1938. Roselsy E. Baird's parents are Sarah Ellen Dawson (b. 1851 in Grant Co.; d. 1917; m. 3-8-1872) and James Harvey Baird (b. 1849 in Guernsey Co., Ohio; d. 1927). Sarah Ellen Dawson is the daughter of Lucinda Snyder and Henry Dawson. James Harvey Baird is the son of Mary _____ and William Baird. MILTON AMAZIAH MORGAN and ROSELSY SMELSER'S chn:
 - 1. HARVEY MORGAN SMELSER b. 2-22-1901 at Landis, Ind.; m. 10-4-1922 at Marion, Ind. CARRIE LILLIAN LEE. Harvey Morgan Smelser was educated in the public schools of Grant Co., Ind. He has been employed by General Electric Co. of Fort Wayne since 1923, serving in the capacities of machine operator, foreman, and tool-checker. He is a member of the First Christian Church, Ft. Wayne Lodge #116 K.P., Harmony Lodge #19 I.O.O.F., and Sold. Bayless Lodge #359 F. & A.M. His hobbies are home movies and fishing. Address: 2911 S. Lafayette St., Ft. Wayne, Ind. HARVEY MORGAN and CARRIE LILLIAN had issue:
 - a. MARTHA ERIS SMELSER b. 3-31-1924 at Ft. Wayne; m. _____ LUCAS. Address: 5145 McCray St., Speedway City, Ind.
 - b. MARGARET ELLEN SMELSER b. 2-8-1927 at Ft. Wayne; m. WALLACE E. SNYDER, son of Ralph Keller Snyder (1883-1948) and Cloa Blanche Miller b. 1891 in Ohio. Cloa Blanche Miller is the daughter of Eva Kyler (b. 1871 in Ind.; d. 1931 in Ind.) and Jonathan Miller (b. 1864 in Ohio; d. 1946). Eva Kyler is the daughter of Margaret (Droud) and Basil Kyler. Ralph Keller Snyder is the son of Schuyler Snyder (b. 1860 at Wakarusa, Ind.; d. 1919 at Warsaw, Ind.) and Jessie Keller (b. 1866 in Canada; d. 1948). Subject lives at 2341 Smith St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

- c. SHIRLEY LEE SMELSER b. 8-20-1934 at Ft. Wayne; m. (1) 12-20-1952 at Ft. Wayne EVERETT L. TUNGET. The wedding was performed by the Rev. Beck of the First Christian Church. They were div. at Ft. Wayne 11-23-1955. She m. (2) DENNIS P. MAHONEY 2-3-1957 at Vincennes, Ind., by the Justice of Peace. Shirley Lee was educated in the public schools of Ft. Wayne and attended the University of Indiana (1956-57), studying advertising. Her employment has been with the Indiana Board of Pharmacy in Indianapolis (Asst. to Secy. 1958-59) and as secretary in law, advertising, and division head, U.S. Navy Ordinance Test Station in China Lake, Calif. She was president of Nu Phi Mu; her hobbies are drawing, painting and sewing; and her travel in foreign countries include Canada and Mexico. Address: 4347 Vermont Ct., Gary, Ind. SHIRLEY LEE (SMELSER) and EVERETT TUNGET had issue:
- i. KATHRYN ELAINE TUNGET MAHONEY b. 4-8-1954 at China Lake. SHIRLEY LEE (SMELSER) and DENNIS P. MAHONEY had issue:
 - ii. KEVIN PATRICK MAHONEY b. 11-26-1957 at Indianapolis.
2. JOHN ALGER SMELSER whose address is R.R. 1, Mishawaka, Ind.
 3. EDWARD JAY SMELSER whose address is R.R. 1, Mentone, Ind.
 4. MINERVA ELLEN SMELSER d. 4- -1928.
- I. INFANT SON b. Jan., 1859; d. 1-30-1859 age 1 mo. and 14 days. He is buried in the Smelser Graveyard, Union Township, Rush Co., Ind.
- J. TABITHA JOSEPHINE SMELSER b. 11-24-1860 in Ind.; d. 2-2-1939. She m. 9-24-1893 at Madison Co., Ind. (Book 4, p. 54K) ANDREW W. POWNALL b. 1865 in Ind.; d. 1944. Andrew W. Pownall is the son of Lois Andrews (d. 1903) and William H. Pownall (b. 1845 in Ohio; d. 1914; m. 1864); grandson of Sarah Van Blaricom and William Pownall. Issue:
1. DONNA CECIL POWNALL b. 11-27-1894 at Marion, Ind.; m. 5-19-1922 at Marion JOHN WILLIAM WHITENECK b. 8-18-1888 in Grant Co., Ind. The wedding was performed by the Rev. William E. Moore at the First Christian Church. Subject was educated in the public schools of Marion. She received her B.S. in 1910 from the Marion Normal College and taught in the Marion schools 1912-22. She is president of the Christian Women's Fellowship, president and trainer of the Girl Scout Council and a member of the Education Committee for the Cancer Society. Her hobbies are Girl Scouting, travel, photography, and reading clubs. She spent two months in Europe (1952) and took a Caribbean Cruise in 1957. Other countries visited include Mexico, Canada and Hawaii in 1955. John W. Whiteneck is the son of Belle W. Hendricks (d. Nov., 1930) and Daniel Whiteneck (1856-1929) and grandson of Marian Winger and Samuel Whiteneck (1836-1863). Belle W. Hendricks is the daughter of America Whiteneck and Hiram Hendricks. Subject's address is Route 4, Warsaw, Ind. Formerly: 612 E. Ft. Wayne St., Warsaw. I am grateful to Mrs. Whiteneck for her assistance in compiling the genealogy of her immediate family.
 - a. JOANNE ELIZABETH WHITENECK b. 10-22-1924 at Marion, Ind.; m. 6-1-1946 at Bloomington, Ind. (Christian Church by the Rev. Howard Anderson) JAMES HAMILTON WRIGHT b. 6-20-1923 at Indianapolis, son of Bessie Blaydes (b. 10-13-1886 at Putnam Co., Ind) and James W. Wright (b. 2-14-1886 at Putnam Co.; d. 11-19-1958;

m. 11-25-1908 at Greencastle, Ind.). Bessie Blaydes is the daughter of Mary E. Barnard (b. 2-9-1854; d. 5-16-1934) and Jas. T. Blaydes (b. 1848 at Hardin Co., Ky.; d. Feb., 1940; m. Aug., 1869 at Greencastle). Mary E. Barnard's parents are Catherine (Booker) and Calvin Barnard. James T. Blayde's parents are Nancy K. (Cash) and John Shelby Blaydes who were m. in Shelby Co., Ky. James W. Wright is the son of Martha Allee (1848-1927) and Hamilton T. Wright (1846-1898). James Hamilton Wright was graduated from Indiana University in 1946 (Journalism and Government) and Purdue University in 1950. He is Editor and Publisher of The Wakarusa Tribune. He published The Osceola (Ind.) Owl from 1955-58. From 1940-1951 he was with The Indianapolis Star, Associated Press, United Press, Bloomington (Ind.) Star-Courier, Fremont (Nebr.) Guide-Tribune, Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal and other newspapers. In May, 1958, he received the honor of National Newspaper Editor of the Week. He rode the presidential train across Indiana with President Truman in 1948. James H. Wright is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Sigma Delta Chi professional journalism fraternity, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and numerous business and professional organizations. From 1956-1960 he was on the Wakarusa Town Board and is currently president of the School Board. His hobbies are photography and music. Joanne Elizabeth (Whiteneck) Wright received her A.B. in 1946 from Indiana University (Journalism, English, and Spanish), was Phi Beta Kappa and received various scholarship awards from 1942-46. She is partner in the weekly newspaper business with her husband and the printing business. She taught school in Crawfordsville 1948-49. Mrs. Wright is chairman of numerous PTA committees, program chairman for clubs, Girl Scout leader and a member of the Christ Church in Elkhart. Her hobbies are Girl Scouting, PTA, reading and community affairs. Address: Wakarusa, Ind. JOANNE ELIZABETH and JAMES H. WRIGHT had issue:

- i. JANET VIRGINIA WRIGHT b. 3-19-1947 at Fremont, Nebr.
- ii. JAMES WILLIAM WRIGHT b. 11-9-1949 at Crawfordsville, Ind.
- iii. JOEL ROSS WRIGHT b. 3-28-1956 at Elkhart, Ind.

b. THOMAS LOGAN WHITENECK b. 8-29-1930 at Warsaw, Ind. He is a college graduate, is married and lives in California.

- IV. JACOB SMELSER b. 1815 in Ky.; d. 2-12-1864 age 48-11-27. He m. AMELIA Zion. She was b. 10-4-1817; d. 9-2-1848. Both are buried at East Hill Cemetery.
- A. JOHN PERRY SMELSER b. 1839; m. REBECCA BARNES. He was a farmer. They are buried at East Hill Cemetery, Section 7, lot 74. Issue:
1. EDNA SMELSER m. _____ HALL. Issue:
 - a. WILMER HALL
 2. BERTIE SMELSER m. 9-7-1892 JOHN W. STOTEN b. 6-6-1859 at Dearborn Co., Ind. They had issue:
 - a. WALLACE STOTEN m. LAVONNA RUBY. He was a farmer in Posey Twp., Rush Co., Ind. Issue:
 - i. MERRILL W. STOTEN
 - ii. HOWARD W. STOTEN
 - b. MARION STOTEN m. RUBY OLDHAM, daughter of Charles R. and Martha (Huddleson) Oldham. Marion Stoten was a painter and lived at

Knightstown, Ind. Issue:

- i. WILLIAM M. STOTEN
- c. TEDDY STOTEN
- d. DONALD STOTEN
- e. EFFIE STOTEN
- f. MILDREN STOTEN who d. age two.

B. NANCY D. SMELSER b. 1841 in Ind.; d. 5-2-1872 age 31 yrs. and 7 mos.; buried at East Hill Cemetery. She m. W. C. BELL b. 12-12-1833; d. 1910. Mr. Bell m. (2) Sarah Barnes in 1875. NANCY D. and W. C. BELL had issue:

1. O. P. BELL

C. MARY A. SMELSER b. 1843 in Ind.; m. _____ DAVIS.

D. ELIZABETH J. SMELSER b. 1844 in Ind.; m. _____ MITCHELL.

E. SARAH SMELSER b. 1845; d. 1851; buried at East Hill Cemetery.

F. CAROLINE SMELSER b. 1847; d. 1848; buried at East Hill Cemetery.

G. INFANT SON b. 1848; d. 9-8-1848; buried at East Hill Cemetery.

H. JERUSHA SURFACE SMELSER (?)

V. ELIZABETH SMELSER b. 1817; d. 1902. She m. JAMES M. ROSS b. 1804; d. 1859. Both are buried at East Hill Cemetery. James M. Ross was a prominent man who represented Rush Co. in the State Legislature. He lived in Union Twp. where he owned 1000 acres of land. ELIZABETH (SMELSER) and JAMES ROSS'S chn:

A. JAMES K. ROSS b. 1838/39; d. 1895. He is buried at East Hill Cemetery.

B. MARY JOSEPHINE (JOSIE) ROSS m. at Rushville 1868 GEORGE H. PUNTENNEY b. 3-26-1832 in Rush Co., son of Joseph and Martha (Russell) Punttenney who went to Rush Co. from Adams Co., Ohio. George H. Punttenney was an editor as well as first mayor of Rushville after its incorporation as a city. It was in 1873 that he became editor-in-chief of the Rushville Jacksonian. In 1866 he began his study of law which he practiced the following years. He attended academies at Fayetteville and Richland. He joined Co. K of the 37th Ind. Vol. and served three years during the Civil War as Sergeant, Orderly Sergeant and Sergeant Major. The only child we know of was one who died in infancy. Issue:

1. INFANT DAUGHTER d. 2-22-1873. Buried in the Glenwood Cemetery in Union Twp., Rush Co., Ind.

C. EMELINE ROSS b. in Rush Co.; d. 1-24-1917. She is buried at East Hill in Section 4. On 9-8-1874 she m. HENRY W. SHRADER b. 3-11-1853 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is the son of William and Eleanor (Detnersing) Shrad-er who were b. near Hamburg, Germany, who were reared and married there, and who emigrated to the U.S. in 1848. William Shrader was a hatmaker in Cincinnati. There were seven children in the family. Henry W. was assessor of Rush Co. "Henry W. Shrader had excellent public school training at Cincinnati, then learned the trade of watchmaker and jewel-ry, which he followed for four years after coming to Indiana and locat-ing at Rushville. A desire to see the Western Country led him then to go to California and while there he rented land in Sonoma County and fol-lowed farming for three years. In 1879 he returned to Rush Co. and bought a farm of 62 acres in Jackson township which he operated until 1919, when he rented the property to his son and retired to Rushville. He had been a general farmer, giving some attention to stock and turned off about 50 head of hogs a year."⁵² He was a member of the Presbyter-ian Church at Rushville and a Republican on which ticket he had been e-lected in 1914 as county assessor, serving until 1919. Mr. Shrader was

a member of Franklin Lodge No. 35, I.O.O.F. at Rushville, and Bernice Encampment No. 12. He m. (2) Mrs. Flora (Newhouse) Abernathy who had one child by her first marriage, a daughter. The second Mrs. Shrader belonged to the Baptist Church. EMELINE (ROSS) and HENRY SHRADER'S children:

1. ROSS SHRADER a farmer who lived in Rush Co. He m. CECELIA BARRETT.
 - a. ISABELLA SHRADER
2. WILLIAM SHRADER an electrician living in Chicago. Issue:
 - a. WILLIAM SHRADER, JR.
3. ABIGAIL SHRADER m. FRANK G. REEVES a farmer in Noble Twp. She is buried at East Hill Cemetery (?)

VI. HARVEY SMELSER b. 5-30-1819; d. 10-21-1827. Buried at East Hill Cemetery. He is the little boy who drowned at the Smelser mill.

VII. JANE SMELSER b. 1821 in Bourbon Co., Ky.; d. 8-7-1887. She m. 1844 JAMES KISER b. 11-18-1821 in Bourbon Co. He was a farmer by profession and a Republican by political affiliation. JANE (SMELSER) and JAMES KISER had issue:

- A. CORYDON E. KISER b. 6-5-1864 in Union Twp., Rush Co.; d. 1949. He m. 2-23-1887 CORENA A. NEWHOUSE b. in Rush Co. 1869; d. 1947. Both are buried at East Hill Cemetery, Sect. 9. Corydon E. Kiser was a member of the Church of Christ Scientist. He was a Republican and was affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. CORYDON and CORENA had issue:
 1. LILA (or LELA) KISER b. 1888 m. FRANCIS T. THATCHER who is buried at East Hill Cemetery. Issue:
 - a. ELLEN THATCHER
 - b. EUGENE THATCHER m. _____ MULL (?)
 - c. KATHLEEN THATCHER
 2. OPAL KISER
 3. DONALD V. KISER b. 3-14-1893 in Union Twp., Rush Co.; m. 1-9-1913 FRANCES E. CARSON. Donald V. Kiser is a farmer. Issue:
 - a. RUTH KISER

B. JOSEPH KISER

C. SARAH KISER

D. GEORGE KISER (I believe there were 12 children altogether,)

E. JAMES KISER (as issue of Jane and James Kiser.)

F. EMMA KISER

G. ALBERT KISER

VIII. GEORGEANNA B. SMELSER b. 10-13-1822; d. 7-26-1842. She is at East Hill Cem.

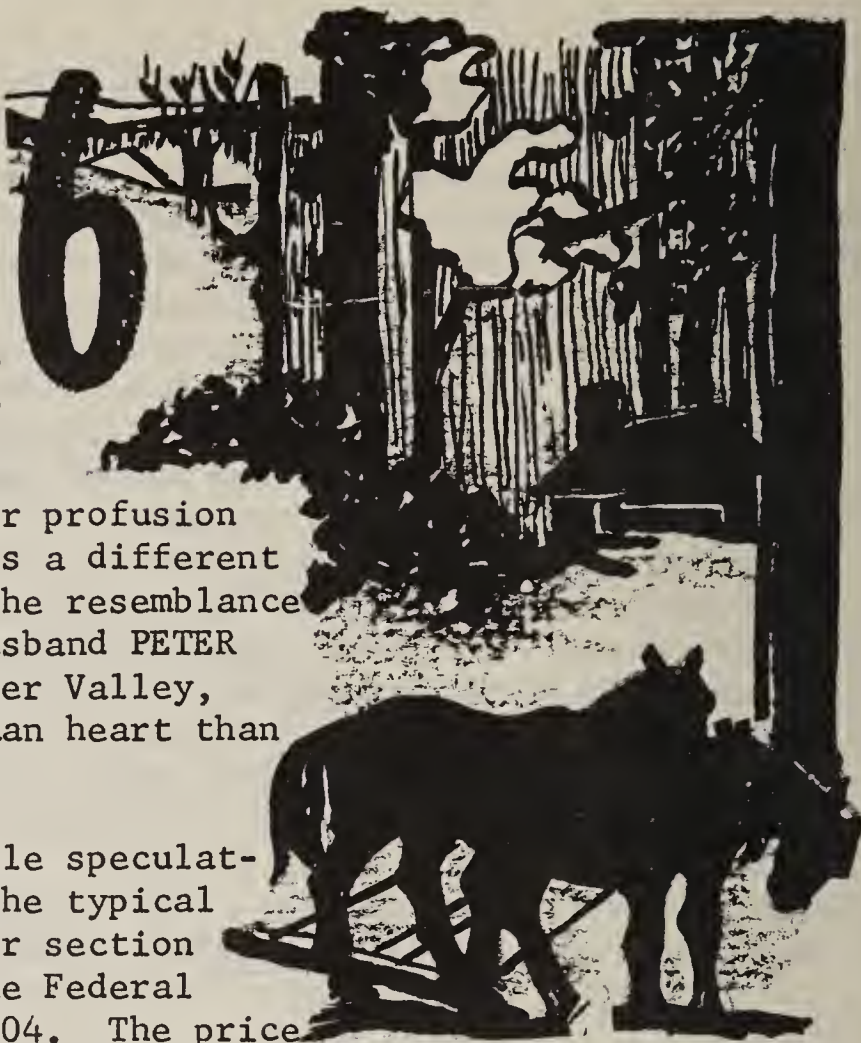
IX. JESSE W. SMELSER b. 12-20-1827 in Rush Co.; d. 3-21-1898. He m. (1) ELIZABETH SMITH b. 10-9-1829 in Ind.; d. 11-22-1851 (2) MARY J. SMITH b. 1854 in New York (3) MARIA PIERSON b. 9-21-1837; d. 8-13-1915. Jesse and Maria are buried at East Hill Cemetery, Section 4, Lot 73 and S½ Lot 100. Jesse W. Smelser was educated in the local schools. He was a farmer by occupation and was elected to the Indiana Legislature in 1880, being a member of the House from Rush County. "This is the first office to which Mr. Smelser was ever elected. It was not only unsolicited, but the nomination was given him over his protest. He had no taste for political preferment, but once elected, entered upon the duties with the candor and fidelity that has characterized him in all other engagements."⁵⁴ It is said that Mary J. (Smith) Smelser was of delicate health; consequently, both travelled extensively about the country in the hope of restoring her to good health by change of climate. JESSE W. and ELIZABETH (SMITH) SMELSER had issue:

- A. JOSIE SMELSER b. 11-16-1851; d. 12-8-1854. Buried at East Hill Cemetery

- X. MARY ANN SMELSER b. 12-10-1830 in Rush Co.; d. 1-15-1894. She m. 2-25-1846 at Rush Co. ANDREW HINCHMAN b. 2-10-1819 in Va.; d. 1-8-1873. Both are buried at the Hinchman Graveyard, Union Twp., Rush Co. Andrew Hinchman lived in Jackson Twp. and was a farmer worth \$22,000 in real estate and \$4,410 in personal effects (1870 census). Since Mary Ann (Smelser) Hinchman and her descendants have been included in an earlier chapter (see chapter 2) in detail, only names and dates will be included here.
- A. SARAH ANN MARIA HINCHMAN b. 7-18-1851 in Rush Co.; d. 6-13-1934. She m. 9-24-1872 in Rush Co. WILLIAM HARVE SMELSER b. 5-3-1851 in Rush Co.; d. 10-17-1927. He is the son of Boone DeHaven Smelser and Melissa Jane (Morris) Smelser. Issue:
1. CORA DELIA SMELSER b. 2-15-1875 in Rush Co.; d. 4-19-1957 at Shelbyville, Ind. She is buried at Forest Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville. She m. O. D. GREEN and had issue:
 - a. MARIE GREEN b. 11-19-1894; m. _____ HOLDEN.
 - b. MAUDE GREEN b. 2-27-1896; m. _____ O'DELL.
 - c. FANNIE GREEN b. Aug., 1897; d. Aug., 1899.
 - d. EARL GREEN b. 12-14-1908.
 - e. FRANK GREEN b. 1899.
 - f. ANNA GREEN b. Sept., 1900; d. 12-22-1933.
 - g. FLORENCE GREEN b. 3-9-1902; m. _____ BASSETT.
 - h. RUTH GREEN b. 8-6-1906; d. 8-11-1906.
 - i. HARVEY GREEN b. 3-1-1916.
 2. WILLIAM A. SMELSER b. 9-13-1876 in Rush Co.; d. 12-13-1881. He is buried at Hinchman Cemetery in Rush Co.
 3. CHARLES J. SMELSER b. 10-11-1881 in Rush Co.; d. 1- -1940 and is buried at East Hill Cemetery, Section 15, E½ Lot 72. He m. BLANCHE J. ARMSTRONG b. 1890 and living in Indianapolis, Ind.
 4. ALBERT SMELSER b. 10-13-1884 in Rush Co.; m. 3-25-1915 in Bartholomew Co., Ind. GEORGIA OPAL SIMS. Issue:
 - a. FAY MAXINE SMELSER b. 1-26-1919 in Bartholomew Co.
 - b. GEORGE LEE SMELSER d. at birth 10-24-1924.
 5. CHASE DILLON SMELSER (twin) b. 12-24-1887; m. (1) HAZEL DELL NEFF b. 3-5-1886; d. 9-24-1942 at South Bend, Ind. They were m. 12-24-1918. He m. (2) DOROTHY (DOLLY) DOOLEY and they live at Edwardsburg, Mich.
 6. CHESTER EMERSON SMELSER (twin) b. 12-24-1887 in Rush Co.; m. BESSIE SMITH and they live in Shelbyville, Ind. Issue:
 - a. MARY JOSEPHINE SMELSER b. 5-8-1913 in Bicknell, Ind.; m. _____ LATSHAW.
 - b. ROBERT EMERSON SMELSER b. 6-30-1914 at Shelbyville; d. 12-28-1914 of pneumonia.
- B. RUFUS HINCHMAN b. 1854 in Ind.
 C. JAMES P. HINCHMAN b. 1857 in Ind.
 D. CHARLES J. HINCHMAN b. 1859 in Ind.
 E. CARY HINCHMAN b. 1864 in Ind.
- XI. ISHAM SMELSER (?)



Cornsilks and Honeysuckle



MARGARET SMELSER AND HER DESCENDANTS

CORNSILKS AND HONEYSUCKLE, like bait for flattery, still stretch languidly in their profusion under cerulean Indiana skies. But there's a different look and scent about the country now -- the resemblance to 1820, when MARGARET SMELSER and her husband PETER SMITH pioneered their way to the Whitewater Valley, lies more within the periphery of the human heart than the state lines.

Knollenberg states that: "There was little speculative holding of land on the Whitewater. The typical frontier farm in that region was a quarter section of 160 acres, the minimum acreage that the Federal Government could sell under the act of 1804. The price was \$2.00 an acre. . . The first task of the pioneer was to clear five or ten acres and erect a log cabin dwelling. Then all effort was directed toward making a home and living in the little clearing in the wilderness. The fields were fertile, but the root-choked, heavy soil was hard to plow, hoe, and harrow. Moreover, even after the crops, including corn, a little wheat, flax, and garden stuff, were gathered, and the hogs slaughtered and salted, there remained the never-ending grubbing of stumps and roots from previously cleared ground, the enlargement of the clearing, fencing, and the chopping of wood for the cabin fireplace. The wife's task was hard and heavy, too. To her fell not only the cooking, washing, cleaning, mending, churning, and the bearing and care of children, familiar to the farmer's wife of a later day, but also the continuous round of clothmaking and sewing for the entire family. Home-grown wool and flax, and cotton from the South were put into her hands to be spun and woven for the family's clothing. From early morning through the after-supper hours her hands were never idle."⁵⁵

Archaic? They were just a flutter away from interstellar communication; automation; suburbia; and television, the twentieth century's dusting powder for emotional diaper rash.

The Delaware, Shawnee, and Miami Indians were predecessors to the white man who formed the "Kentucky Settlement" on Short Creek, about two and a half miles south of Richmond, Indiana. This was the first permanent settlement (1805) in the Upper Whitewater Valley. By 1840 Richmond "had replaced Philadelphia as the center of the Orthodox Friends in the United States."⁵⁶ The name Richmond means "lofty mountain" -- while Richmond is not on a high mountain, it is some of the highest land in Indiana.

Seventy-five years after MARGARET SMELSER and PETER SMITH colonized in the Wayne Co. "Kentucky Settlement," hundreds of relatives and friends gathered for the memorable SMELSER-SMITH REUNION on August 8, 1895. This occasion was so faithfully reported in the Richmond Item, that extracts will be quoted (by permission) herewith:

"No one who knows the Jacob Smelser and the Peter Smith descendants needs to be told that with them, to undertake is to accomplish. They are people of ability and of will, and as a rule are financially quite able to carry out their most ambitious desires. Certain workers of the Smelser side, whose executive ability would entitle them to responsible positions (were the discriminations against their sex set aside) brought about this great reunion of two large and influential families, with all details so complete that criticism finds no place in the report. We borrow from the account of a prominent and accomplished grand-daughter⁵⁷ of Jacob Smelser, whose researches have evolved a chart representing the ramifications of the family tree, starting with the parent stems of a hundred years ago.

"About the year 1798, the families of Peter Smelser and Nicholas Smith emigrated from Maryland and Pennsylvania to the wilds of Kentucky. Both came from the same neighborhood, but the Potomac rolling between them then placed them in different states. Little is known of the early relationship and acquaintanceship of the two families more than that the ancestors of both came from Germany. Through the marriage of Peter Smith to Margaret Smelser, in 1807, and Jacob Smelser to Elizabeth Smith, in 1814, sister and brother of one family to sister and brother of the other family, a very close alliance was formed, and when Peter Smith came to Indiana in 1820, it is not strange that Jacob Smelser soon followed with his family, settling in the spring of 1823. . . There are now living three sons and a daughter of the family of Peter Smith, and three daughters and a son of the family of Jacob Smelser. These descendants, with the single exception of Warren Smith, met Thursday, August 8th, at the old home farm on which Jacob Smelser settled when he came to Indiana. There were also present, fifty-nine grand-children and one great-great-grandchild of Jacob Smelser. Of the Smith family there were twenty-three grandchildren, and fifteen great-grandchildren. Besides the immediate descendants of these two families, there were present about twenty-five descendants of Peter and John Smelser, brothers of Jacob Smelser, who settled near Rushville, Ind., in an early age.

"A cloudless sky, a beautiful grove of stately trees, clear cold water from the springs, that had no doubt played its part in the selection of the home sites years ago - the presence of life-long friends of the two families, the joy of hearty greetings, with a dinner such as the prosperity of their fore-fathers made possible - all combined to make the occasion one long to be remembered. A short program was rendered, as heretofore published, and in addition, a volunteer song, rendered beautifully, by Miss Ardelle Dougan, of Niles, Mich., and a reading of messages from absent ones by J. C. Wood, of Peru, Ind. The invocation by Rev. Sarah L. Stoner, daughter of James Smelser, was particularly fitting, and listened to with marked attention.

"George H. Smith's extemporaneous reminiscences of early settlement, childhood and school days were well given and heartily received. From the Rushville Daily Jacksonian (whose scribe, having been present, writes of this affair with much

"grace and spirit) we copy the following tribute to said speech:

"'Mr. George H. Smith gave a history of the Smith family which was interesting and funny. The Smiths are of German descent. He said that in 1700 their progenitors were moving in a wagon, and a tree fell down and broke the wagon and killed the head of the family. There were three sons, one of them named Peter. He and his brother came to this country and the brother dropped out of sight. Peter married and after several moves landed in Kentucky, near the Smelser family. Smelser had a nice large son and a beautiful daughter, and so had Peter Smith, and the Smelser boy married the Smith girl and the Smith boy married the Smelser girl, and their descendants now own much of the best property in Union and Wayne counties. Mr. George H. Smith has a nice way of relating early incidents, and made the best speech of the kind we ever heard.'

"The Rushville reporter calls attention to the fact of the large size of the Smelser and Smith men (few being under six feet tall) and also he bears testimony to the characterful good looks and cordial and vivacious manner of the women of these families, not forgetting their accomplished house-keeping -- for evidently he partook of a most sumptuous dinner, and supper as well.

"Prominent on the program was the warm and eloquent greeting of J. Warren Smith, of Tennessee, (read by C. C. Beeler), followed by a poem full of affection, reminiscence, faith and hope. We give the closing verse, lack of space preventing the publication in full.

Ye stalwart sons who venerate the glory of our clan,
Who gather to commemorate as only true sons can -
Live ye as they, die as they died,
Whose names we held in honest pride:
Be ye as true, be ye as strong,
To do the right and shun the wrong,
Then family pride is not a myth
Unto the SMELSER or the SMITH.

"One of the choicest things of the day was the address, 'Our Absent,' by Miss Kate Smelser, a paper written in a finished literary style, and full not only of tender sentiment, and appreciation of all that was noble and worthy in those who have gone before, and whose mental and moral heirs we are, but also inspired by a philosophy very unusual in papers written for social occasions. It is with regret that we forego the pleasure of reproducing this superior paper, but the length of our report makes it impracticable. Miss Smelser did herself as much credit in the very artistic manner of her reading as in the production of her highly appreciated article.

"Elaborate programs and invitations had been issued, duly, speakers' stand and seats for the hundreds of guests had been provided, tables for the notable, great feast were ready. There was a table of honor at which were seated about thirty of the older guests, whose ages averaged above seventy. Mrs. Polly Railsback led in the matter of age, being in her 84th year - although she seems much younger. Mrs. Harriet Byars, eldest child of Jacob Smelser, is in her 83rd year. Other guests at the leading table pressed close in the matter of age, and all received

"the greatest attention. Excellent photographs of this group were taken by Mr. Ed. Dalbey, also pictures of other groups, some of them extremely large; and pictures, too, of the fine family chart, so carefully and skillfully prepared by Mrs. Anna Sedgwick Beeson. The K. of P. orchestra and band, of this city, discoursed beautiful music throughout the day.

"No one desirable thing seemed to have been overlooked. The immense, joyous company, under the beautiful trees, after their luxurious repast, was called to order by Mr. Isham Sedgwick and entertained by him with an interesting genealogical history. The numbers were read from the program by Mr. Richard Smith, his part being performed with characteristic, pleasant humor.

"Jacob Smelser, Jr., youngest son of Jacob, Sr., with all his children and grandchildren (four sons and their wives and six children) drove from beyond Anderson to be present at the great occasion. Three young men from Indianapolis, descendants of Peter Smelser, and hitherto strangers to their Wayne county kindred, were welcome guests. So complete and triumphant was the success of the first Smelser-Smith reunion that it is planned (so we hear) to hold a second one, a year from that date."⁵⁸

MARGARET SMELSER was b. 1788 near Lexington, Ky. She d. 1868 and is buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery (Wayne Co., Ind.) beside her husband, PETER SMITH, b. 1780 near Hagerstown, Md.; d. 1866 in Wayne Co. They were m. 1-5-1807 at Bourbon Co., Ky., with John Smeltzer as bondsman.

PETER SMITH had one sister ELIZABETH who m. JACOB SMELSER (see chapter 7) and three brothers: JOSEPH b. 1786 in Md. m. CATY KIPLINGER 5-22-1806 at Bourbon Co.; JACOB m. SALLY CURRANT; and NICHOLAS who m. NANCY SHAWHAN 1-9-1816 at Bourbon Co. Joseph and Katherine Smith set out for Ind. Their objective was Wayne Co. At Lockwood Mills, a daughter Catherine (4th child) was b. 10-10-1823. The family continued on to Peoria, Ill., in the fall of 1823. Joseph Smith helped locate the county seat there and served on the first County Board (1825) representing the district of Farmer's Creek. Joseph and Katherine's oldest daughter, Elizabeth, d. in Peoria. She had m. John Hamlin of New York. Mr. Hamlin operated keel-boats on the river, he operated a flour mill (with a Mr. Sharp) on Red Bud Creek in 1830, and established a post of the American Fur Company in 1824. Hamlin was justice of peace for Peoria and a member of the legislature in 1834, from Peoria Co. Peter Smith's father, NICHOLAS SMITH, SR., came from Germany when about 15 years of age. The family first lived in Maryland, then emigrated to Kentucky ca 1788. NICHOLAS, SR. m. KATY SONNYTUCKER and he d. near Shawhan's Station in Bourbon Co. They are buried near Shawhan. PETER SMITH'S will is on file in Wayne Co., Ind., Book of Wills No. 4, p. 406:

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PETER SMITH'S WILL

Will filed Jan. 9, 1867

I, Peter Smith, of Wayne county and State of Indiana, being of sound
mind and memory and being anxious to settle all my worldly affairs and make

a full disposition of all my Estate both Real and Personal and to settle the #
advancements which I made to my children, do make and publish this my last #
will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

First As I have conveyed to my son Nicholas Smith the farm on which he #
now lives, I consider him as fully advanced his full share of my estate and #
therefore give him but one dollar.

Secondly I have given to my daughter Barbara Beeler, Seventeen hundred #
dollars and shall add this in the residuary clause of my will.

Thirdly, I give, devise and bequeath to my son Irwin Smith and his heirs #
and assigns the North West quarter and the West half of the North East quart- #
er and the West half of the South East Quarter of Section Eleven (11) Town- #
ship Twenty One (21) North of Range Seven east of, lands sold at Fort Wayne: #
And also fifty six acres and twelve perches, described in a deed from John #
Elston and wife to me, dated the Twelfth day of May 1838 and Recorded in Wayne #
county in Book K, page 367 on condition that he pays to my Executors for the #
use of my daughters Barbara Beeler and Margaret Smith Four hundred dollars.

Fourthly I have given by way of advancement to my daughter Polly Rails- #
back one quarter section of land (about 18 years ago) valued at that time at #
One Thousand dollars and in addition to this, I give and bequeath to the said #
Polly Two Hundred dollars to make her equal with my other children.

Fourthly I conveyed about three years ago to my son John Smith, one #
quarter section of land worth about Three thousand five hundred dollars on #
which he paid me Twelve hundred dollars, the residue being an advancement. #
And considering this an equal share of my estate I give him one dollar.

Sixthly. I conveyed about three years ago to my son George Smith, one #
quarter land worth about Four thousand dollars on which he paid me Fifteen #
hundred dollars, the residue being considered as an advancement equal with my #
other children, I give him one dollar.

Seventhly I conveyed about two years ago to my son James Smith, a quart- #
er () of land worth about Three Thousand dollars on which he paid me Seven #
hundred dollars, the balance was an advancement equal with my other children, #
I therefore give him one dollar only.

Eighthly I give, and devise unto my son Warren and his heirs the farm #
on which I now live in Wayne county, Indiana on condition that he pay to my #
Executors for the use of my daughters Barbara and Margaret Eighteen hundred #
dollars and subject further to the provisions made in favor of my wife.

Ninethly I have given Margaret Smith, my daughter, fifteen hundred dol- #
lars and I make a further provision in my residuary clause of this will.

Tenthly I will, devise and bequeath to my wife Margaret Smith, my house- #
hold and kitchen furniture, the money which () claims in her own right, all #
my cash on hand and all sums due me at the time of my decease, support and

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maintenance to be raised off of the farm on which I now live by my son Warren#
and his heirs and in case of difference as to what is a proper maintenance #
the question shall be settled by my Executors or such persons as the court may#
appoint under my will.

Eleventhly I will that all of my moveable personal property except my #
household and kitchen furniture shall be sold by my Executors and that the pro#
ceeds of the sale and the Eight hundred dollars to be paid by my son Warren #
and the Four hundred dollars to be paid by my son Irwin, shall be equally di- #
vided between my daughters Barbara and Margaret.

Twelfthly I give my sons Warren and Irwin one year after my death to pay #
the several sums charged on their lands.

Thirteenthly The payment to Barbara and Margaret first mentioned is to be#
paid them after paying the legacies of One dollar each and the Two Hundred #
dollars to Polly Railsback.

Lastly, I nominate, constitute and appoint my sons Nicholas Smith and #
George Smith the Executors of this my will.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence #
of the witnesses who witnessed the same in my presence and at my request on #
the 18th day of Nov. 1853 Eighteen Hundred and Fifty Three.

# Witnesses:	/s/ Peter Smith (SEAL)	#
# James Perry		#
# Griffith Mendenhall		#
# D. P. Holloway		#

State of Indiana, Wayne County, s.s.

THE YOSEMITE

The Yosemite is a beautiful sight,
When the sun is shining bright;
With its Domes like castle walls
Having spires so very tall.

It is always on its way,
From month to month, and day to day.
And the fishes are swimming to and fro
Like the waters, always on the go.

Then next you see the Bridle Vail
Down the mighty steep does sail.
Anon, you see the Yosemite Falls
Leaping adown steep granite walls;

There the birds are on their nests,
Gently putting their young to rest.
Here is where the Indian goes
To hide from the cold and the snows.

Washing all the little sands
Out upon the pebbly land.
And the Merced river that flows below;
Sometimes rapid - sometimes slow.

- Frank Crowe 1877 (age 14)

(NOTE: Poet is the grandson of Margaret (Smelser) and Peter Smith.)

MARGARET SMELSER m. PETER SMITH

- NICHOLAS b. 1807 m. REBECCA B. - 'MARTHA A. b. 1832 m. WILLIAM WILLIAMS
HUNT 'PETER A. b. 1834
'MARGARET b. 1841
'THOMAS F. b. 1845
'LUCINDA L.
- MARY b. 1812 m. DAVID R. ----- 'OSCAR M. b. 1835 m. ISABELLA C. _____
RAILSBACK 'MARTHA b. 1841 m. HENRY C. BELL
'SMITH
'WILLIAM PERRY b. 1845 m. VIOLA STAPLES
'JOHN m. JULIA B. WINTERS
'LOUIE M.
- BARBARA b. 1815 m. (1) MONROE--- 'PERRY W. b. 1840 m. ELLA WOOTERS
HUNT (2) CHRISTOPHER BEELER 'JOHN (John - Margaret, by second marriage)
'PETER SMITH b. 1849 m. EMMA HURST
'JENNIE b. 1851 m. WALTER RITCHEY
'ANNA ELIZA b. 1853 m. _____ SIMS
'MARGARET m. HOWARD CAMPBELL
- JOHN P. b. 1817 m. MARY ----- 'MARTHA JENNIE b. 1845 m. CAPT. HORACE
SEDGWICK ' B. QUIMBY
'ANNA M. b. 1846 m. GEORGE W. DOUGAN
'RICHARD S. b. 1849 m. BELLE LANCASTER
'PETER m. KATE BUHL
'BELLE b. 1855 m. LOUIS C. ORR
'MARGARET
'CLARA MAY b. 1858
- GEORGE H. b. 1820 m. CLARISSA--- 'MARTHA b. 1851
LEWIS 'HESTER
'MARGARET b. 1853
'LEWIS PETER b. 1858 m. OLIVE HAWORTH
'INDIA b. 1857 m. DAVID M. ESTEB
- WARREN m. (1) LIDA MEYER ----- 'FRANK
(2) NELLIE _____ 'MARGARET
- JAMES b. 1822 m. (1) MARY ----- 'MARGARET HANNAH b. 1851 m. ALBERT MITCHELL
HANNAH HUNT (2) MRS. ADELINE 'MARY REBECCA b. 1855 m. JOSHUA DAVIS
(BROWN) BEVIS
- MARTHA b. 1824
- JOSEPH H.
- IRWIN b. 1826/28
- MARGARET b. 1834 m. NELSON CROWE 'JOHN DANIEL b. 1858 m. ELIZABETH M. SMITH
'GEORGE W. b. 1862 m. MILLIE AGNES HUNT
'FRANK b. 1863 m. EDITH _____
'SCHUYLER C. b. 1866 m. GERTRUDE LEHMAN
'WALTER M/W b. 1869
'LOUELLA b. 1871/72 m. HERBERT E. DRULEY
'CLARKE b. 1876 m. LYDIA J. BRETZ

MARGARET (SMELSER) and PETER SMITH had issue:

- I. NICHOLAS SMITH b. 1807 in Ky.; d. 1878. On 3-8-1831 he m. REBECCA BRYAN HUNT b. 1808 in Ind.; d. 1-24-1885. Both are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. He was a farmer and a dealer in slate roofing. They resided 1½ miles west of Liberty Pike, ½ mile east of Abington and 8 miles south of Richmond.⁵⁹ Issue:
 - A. MARTHA A. SMITH b. 3-23-1832; d. 4-22-1887. She was m. 11-25-1856 to WILLIAM (BILL) WILLIAMS b. 11-26-1828; d. 10-9-1895. Both are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. William Williams was a farmer and in 1865 he lived on the west side of the Richmond and Liberty Pike, two miles east of Abington in Abington Twp.⁵⁹ MARTHA and WILLIAM WILLIAMS had issue:
 1. HOWARD ELMER WILLIAMS b. 3-4-1858; d. 2-26-1924. He m. (1) 9-4-1885 MAUDE CHAFIN (Wayne Co. Book O, p. 363) and (2) 6-11-1892 (Wayne Co. Book Q, p. 312) PEARL LARKIN b. 7-19-1872; d. 11-21-1921. Both are buried at Elkhorn Cemetery. Howard E. Williams was a prominent farmer. HOWARD ELMER and PEARL (LARKIN) WILLIAMS had issue:
 - a. WILLIAM B. WILLIAMS, SR. b. 3-21-1895 in Wayne Co., Ind.; d. 7-25-1944. He m. 2-2-1921 MARGARET WICKEMEYER b. 11-16-1894. He is buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. Mrs. Williams lives in Richmond, Ind. The following is from a newspaper clipping, the Richmond Palladium and Sun-Telegram: "Major William B. Williams, 49 years old, in charge of the Salvage department in the adjutant general's office in Washington, D.C., died Tuesday at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington. Veteran of W.W.I. and until W.W.II., had been in the Officer's Reserve Corps. From 1930 to 1936 he served as captain of information and was in charge of the CCC camp in Brown county. For a time was a partner in the Williams' Farm Implement Co. located on So. 4th St. and in 1938 became a state representative of the Starr Tire Co. of Waco, Texas, a position he held for two years. . . With the declaration of War he was called as a captain to the armed forces and stationed both in Washington and New York City, serving in the adjutant general's office. . . He also served as an instructor at Princeton University and at Kansas City, Mo. Major Williams attended the Abington High school and graduated from the Richmond High school. He was a member of the Richmond lodge of Elks. At one time he served as an advertising solicitor of the Richmond Item." Issue:
 - i. WILLIAM B. WILLIAMS, JR. b. 11-13-1921; d. 8-4-1923. He is buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery.
 - ii. MARGENE WILLIAMS b. 4-16-1924; m. 1-21-1950 WILLIAM GRANGER b. 11-7-1916. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio. Issue:
 - i. WILLIAM WING GRANGER b. 6-28-1951.
 - iii. NANCY M. WILLIAMS b. 1-25-1926; m. 9-9-1948 ROBERT (BOB) SUTTON b. 2-24-1924. Issue:
 - i. ANN LOWELL SUTTON b. 11-15-1951.
 2. MARY ETTA (MATE) WILLIAMS b. 1861; d. 11-12-1937 at Grand Island, Nebr. She m. (1) (2) (3) DE WITT VANTINE. She is buried at Elkhorn.
 3. THOMAS A. (TOM) WILLIAMS b. 4-20-1866; d. 4-10-1941. He m. 2-23-1890 (Union Co., Ind., Book F, p. 323) ELIZABETH M. (LIZZIE) MOSS b. 3-9-1869; d. 3-13-1949. Both are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. Issue:
 - a. MARTHA WILLIAMS b. 8-6-1890 in Union Co., Ind. She m. 4-19-1911

- in Richmond (First Evangelical Lutheran Church) CHARLES KAUFFMAN b. 3-2-1887 in Richmond. Address: R.R. 4, Richmond, Ind. Issue:
- i. ROBERT KAUFFMAN b. 4-19-1912. He m. 6-28-1943 MARY LOUISE WINKLEPECK b. 11-18-1919. Issue:
 - i. DOUGLAS KAUFFMAN b. 3-24-1950.
 - ii. JANICE LYNN KAUFFMAN b. 1955.
 - ii. MYRAL LOUISE KAUFFMAN, R.N. b. 7-13-1916. She m. 12-30-1941 (First Evangelical Lutheran Church by the Rev. Frank Hurst) STANLEY BERL JACKSON b. 4-28-1914, son of Elmer B. Jackson. Stanley B. Jackson was Tech. Sgt. Q.M.C. in the European Theatre (1941-45). Myral attended the Richmond Business College for two years and was graduated from Reid Hospital Nurses Training School in May of 1938. She is president of Beta Eta Chapter, Psi Iota Xi Sorority president in 1954, and a teacher of pre-school in Sunday School; she was circulating supervisor at Reid Hospital 1944-45. In 1934 was Outstanding Senior Girl at Centerville High. Her hobby is cooking. MYRAL LOUISE and STANLEY had issue:
 - i. PAMELA LOUISE JACKSON b. 7-19-1947 in Richmond; living with her parents at R.R. 2, Centerville, Ind.
 - ii. JAY CHARLES JACKSON b. 9-5-1953 in Richmond.
 - iii. MARLA SUE JACKSON b. 1-2-1956 in Richmond.
 - iii. ELIZABETH ANN (LIBBY) KAUFFMAN b. 5-19-1920 in Richmond; m. 9-18-1937 in Covington, Ky. (by William J. Ranshaw) ROSS KINERT b. 1-29-1915 at Richmond, son of Harold and Clare Kinert. Ross is operator/owner of Soft Water Service. She has golf and swimming for hobbies. Address: 1213 Forest Drive, New Castle, Ind. Issue:
 - i. KENT KAUFFMAN KINERT b. 9-10-1939 at Richmond.
 - ii. GARY CHARLES KINERT b. 8-24-1941.
 - iii. TERRY ROSS KINERT b. 10-24-1946; d. 4-19-1950 from being struck by an automobile. Buried at Elkhorn.
 - iv. MARGARET KAUFFMAN b. 11-29-1922; m. 1-7-1943 ROBERT L. ZIMMERMAN b. 9-6-1920. Issue:
 - i. GREGORY KAUFFMAN ZIMMERMAN b. 12-24-1948.
 - ii. CONDA ANN ZIMMERMAN b. 8-17-1951.
 - v. DOROTHY KAUFFMAN b. 6-5-1930; m. 4-14-1951 JOHN PEGG b. 7-14-1927. They had issue:
 - i. STEPHANIE MARIE PEGG b. 10-27-1954.
 - ii. KEVIN THOMAS PEGG b. 1956.
 - b. GILES WILLIAMS b. 6-30-1892; m. (1) 1-14-1915 MARY EVA STUDD b. 11-23-1892; d. 1-10-1937. She is buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. He m. (2) 3-3-1943 MARY (BEARD) THOMAS b. 3-16-1902. Address: R.R. 4, Box 126, Richmond, Ind. Issue:
 - i. RICHARD GILES WILLIAMS b. 5-22-1917; m. (1) 5-4-1936 DOROTHY SMOKER b. 1-21-1919. Divorced. (2) _____. The following notation appears in The Hunt Family genealogy, compiled by Beverly Yount, pp. 91, 92: "Dick is a harness racing enthusiast, both as a trainer and driver. Always interested in harness horses, he got his chance to handle them in 1949 when he became associated with Bill Butler of

"Phoenix, Ariz. He started as a stable hand and gradually was given a chance to drive. Bothered during his youth with an arthritic condition, he moved to Arizona seeking a drier climate. There he met Butler. He stayed with Butler until the beginning of the 1951-52 season when he became a driver for C. G. (Doc) Smith of Marion, Ohio. Then in 1952 he received his chance. He was hired for the Kroening Stable through the help of the late Guy Crippen and then succeeded him when he died. He stood 12th among the leading money winners in 1952. Dick drove in the 1953 Hambletonian classic." Issue:

i. RICHARD GILES WILLIAMS, JR. b. 4-14-1940.

ii. DIANN WILLIAMS b. 10-3-1943.

ii. RHEA JEAN WILLIAMS b. 1-5-1922; d. 2-7-1922. She is buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery.

iii. THOMAS HOWARD WILLIAMS b. 5-28-1923; m. 1-14-1943 MARY CATHERINE FEATHERSTON b. 9-19-1923. Issue:

i. NANCY MARIE WILLIAMS b. 10-28-1946.

ii. JANET CHRISTINE WILLIAMS b. 10-18-1951.

c. HESTER WILLIAMS b. 12-24-1895; m. 9-10-1919 FRANCES GLASS b. 8-3-1894. Address: Chicago, Ill. Issue:

i. WILLIAM A. GLASS b. 11-14-1924; m. 11-18-1950 MARGIE JEFFRIES b. 10-5-1928. Issue:

i. WILLIAM GLASS, JR. b. 8-29-1951.

ii. THOMAS ARTHUR GLASS b. 4-9-1953.

iii. SUSAN ELIZABETH GLASS b. 10-14-1954.

B. PETER A. SMITH b. 1834; d. 1860. Buried at Elkhorn Cemetery.

C. MARGARET (PEG) SMITH b. 9-19-1841; d. 11-19-1883 near Abington, Ind. Unmarried. She is buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery.

D. THOMAS F. SMITH b. 1845; d. 1867. He is buried at Elkhorn Cemetery.

E. LUCINDA L. SMITH

II. MARY A. (POLLY) SMITH b. 2-27-1812 in Cynthiana, Ky.; d. 8-27-1898 at 86 at her home southeast of Richmond, Ind. She m. 4-12-1834 at Wayne Co. (Book B p. 324) DAVID R. RAILSBACK b. 11-2-1809; d. 7-3-1885. Both are buried at Elkhorn. David's parents, David and Sarah (Stevens) Railsback, originally came from Loudon Co., Va. The family moved to Abington, Ind., 1807. David R. Railsback was a farmer. MARY A. (SMITH) and DAVID R. RAILSBACK'S issue:

A. OSCAR M. RAILSBACK b. 8-8-1835 near Abington, Ind.; d. at Indianapolis. He m. ISABELLA C. _____ b. 1842; d. 6-10-1878 age 36.

B. MARTHA RAILSBACK b. 1841; d. 1921; buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. She m. HENRY C. BELL. Issue:

1. ORIN BELL

2. JESSIE M. BELL

3. BERTHA C. BELL

4. EDNA BELL b. 1877; d. 1903. Buried at Elkhorn Cemetery.

C. SMITH RAILSBACK b. _____; d. 7-13-1875; buried at Elkhorn Cemetery.

D. WILLIAM PERRY RAILSBACK b. 11-24-1845; d. 7-19-1939. He m. 1-13-1870 VIOLA STAPLES b. 12-4-1854; d. 10-16-1878. William Perry Railsback enlisted in Co. A 133rd Regt. I.V.I. May, 1864 for 100 days - he served out his time and was discharged. The 133rd was raised at Richmond on the 17th of May, 1864, under Colonel R. N. Hudson, and was comprised of

nine companies and followed the 132nd. Issue:

1. FRANK RAILSBACK
2. LENORA RAILSBACK m. 9-11-1898 SAMUEL CORNELIUS b. 11-25-1867; d. 11-21-1949. They had issue:
 - a. MARY IRENE CORNELIUS m. _____ EICHLER. They lived in Texas.
3. CHARLES RAILSBACK

E. JOHN RAILSBACK m. 3-11-1874 JULIA B. WINTERS.

F. LOUIE M. RAILSBACK

III. BARBARA SMITH b. 1-23-1815; d. 4-24-1878. She m. (1) 12-24-1839 at Wayne Co. (Book C, p. 239) MONROE HUNT b. 1818; d. March, 1842. (2) 6-20-1847 CHRISTOPHER C. BEELER b. 6-4-1808; d. 3-22-1886 at Richmond. He was b. at Charleston, Va. All three are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. Monroe Hunt died intestate. Christopher C. Beeler is listed in the 1865 County Directory with Reid & Beeler; Vanneman, Reid & Co. -- also, a farmer, w s Liberty Pike, three miles south of Richmond, Boston Twp. BARBARA and MONROE'S iss.:

- A. PERRY W. HUNT b. 1840 at Richmond; d. 1910 at Richmond. He m. 10-11-1866 in Wayne Co. (Book I, p. 364) ELLA (ELVIRA) WOOTERS b. 1841; d. 1892. Both are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. Issue:
 1. CARRIE HUNT (twin) who died young.
 2. HARRY HUNT (twin) m. (1) (2)
 3. MAY HUNT b. 5-26-1881; d. 11-1-1941 at Richmond. She is buried at Spring Lawn Cemetery, New Paris, Ohio. May Hunt m. (1) NELSON A. TAYLOR b. 9-22-1885 at Cincinnati (2) 1918 at Campbellstown, Ohio WESLEY ROGERS. MAY (HUNT) and NELSON TAYLOR had issue:
 - a. MONROE NELSON TAYLOR b. 10-17-1907 at Richmond. He m. 5-2-1937 at Indianapolis VIOLET ADAMS b. 2-22-1907 in Fayette Co., Ind. Monroe Taylor is a 32° Mason. Address: Round Barn Road North, Richmond, Ind.

MAY HUNT and WESLEY ROGERS had issue:

- b. ALICE LOUISE ROGERS b. 8-23-1920 at Campbellstown, Ohio. She m. JAMES L. PHILLIPS, deceased. Address: 225 W. Adams St., Los Angeles, Calif. Issue: (3 altogether)
 - i. CLAUDIA PHILLIPS b. 1943; d. 1946; buried at Spring Lawn.

BARBARA (SMITH) and CHRISTOPHER C. BEELER had issue:

B. JOHN BEELER

C. PETER SMITH BEELER b. 11-9-1849 in Union Co., Ind.; d. 2-9-1911 at Richmond, Ind. He m. 4-6-1881 at Connersville EMMA HURST b. 11-29-1858 in Fayette Co.; d. 8-18-1946 age 87, at Richmond. Both are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. Peter Smith Beeler was a farmer. He was a Baptist, and politically, a Republican. Issue:

1. ELSIE BEELER b. 1885 in Richmond; d. 2-21-1934. She m. ISAAC WILSON b. 6-21-1879; d. 10-18-1959. Both are buried at the Elkhorn. Elsie (Beeler) Wilson received her A.B. in 1906 from Earlham College. They had issue:
 - a. FRANCIS BEELER WILSON b. 1914; m. MARY CAROLINE EDMUNDS. Add.: 583 Acorn Drive, Dayton, Ohio.
2. JESSIE B. BEELER b. 6-5-1887 at Richmond; m. 1911 at Richmond WILSON L. MAGAW b. 10-30-1885 at Fairhaven, O.; d. 11-8-1960. He operated bridge and construction firm. Jessie received her A.B. in 1908 from Earlham College and did further study at Indiana University. Wilson attended Earlham 1904-05. Address: 150 S. 20th St., Richmond, Ind.

- i. MARGARET MAGAW b. 2-14-1914 at Richmond; m. 4-27-1940 RALPH P. CHRISTENSEN, M.D. Margaret (Magaw) Christensen attended Earlham College 1932-33. Address: 946 N.E. 96th St., Miami Shores, Florida. Issue:
 - i. PETER CHRISTENSEN b. 11-10-1949.
 - ii. DAVID CHRISTENSEN b. 11-30-1953.
 - D. JENNIE BEELER b. 8-24-1851; d. 2-28-1893. She m. WALTER RITCHEY. They lived at Richmond, Ind. JENNIE (BEELER) and WALTER RITCHEY had issue:
 - 1. NORA RITCHEY deceased.
 - 2. BARBARA RITCHEY deceased.
 - 3. REBA RITCHEY deceased.
 - E. ANNA ELIZA BEELER b. 9-19-1853; d. 2-24-1883. She m. _____ SIMS.
 - 1. JOHN SIMS
 - 2. HOWARD SIMS
 - F. MARGARET BEELER m. HOWARD CAMPBELL in 1878. He was Assistant Supt. of the firm, Goar, Scott & Co. He is the son of Thomas Campbell.
 - 1. FRANCES (FANNIE) CAMPBELL m. (1) 6-14-1906 SAMUEL WICKHAM CORWIN (2) ROBERT HEUN b. 12-4-1876; d. 4-22-1958; buried at the Earlham Cemetery in Richmond, Ind. FRANCES and ROBERT HEUN had issue:
 - a. HOWARD THURSTON HEUN m. MARY FULLER GENTRY. Address: Greenwich, Connecticut.
 - b. DONALD ROBERT HEUN m. 6-17-1958 MARTHA ANN JACKSON. Issue:
 - i. BARBARA ANN HEUN b. 1949.
- IV. JOHN P. SMITH b. 10-5-1817 in Bourbon Co., Ky.; d. 9-28-1885. The funeral was held from his home west of the river. He was one of the oldest members of his lodge. The Richmond Evening-Item (9-29-1885) stated: ". . .casket is very handsome -- a draped black cloth casket -- one of the handsomest ever seen here, with texture trimmings in gold and oxydized." John P. m. 3-9-1844 in Union Co., Ind. (Book C, p. 186) MARY SEDGWICK b. 11-6-1817 in Union Co.; d. 2-2-1864 age 46-2-8. Both are buried at Elkhorn Cemetery. She is the daughter of Sarah (Hunt) and Richard Sedgwick. John P. Smith resided in Wayne County all his life (with the exception of the first two years.) Since 1861 he was a farmer and also carried on the pork-packing business. In 1865 he was listed as a farmer living 2½ miles northwest of Centerville, Ind. He was a member of the Sanitary Committee, and at one time was Vice President of the Wayne County Joint Stock Agricultural Assn. which was organized in August, 1867, for the purpose of holding fairs at Centerville. "The Charter Oak Pork House was established in the winter of 1853/54 by Wm. Wiggans and Wm. S. Reid for buying and slaughtering pork. Jeremy Mansure joined Mr. Reid upon Mr. Wiggan's death and carried on business until 1861 or 1862. When Mr. Mansure retired, G. W. Vanneman, C. C. Beeler and John P. Smith became partners of Mr. Reid. The establishment had the capacity to slaughter and take care of about 900 hogs a day or about 20,000 a season lasting 20 days. The average number actually handled within the last three years prior to 1870 was about 14,000 a year and the value of the pork annually slaughtered and sold about \$250,000. The plant was once destroyed by fire but was promptly rebuilt. Nearly 20,000 were slaughtered in 1870 and in 1871, 20,638. The works and yards covered six acres."60 Sarah Hunt, mother of Mary Sedgwick, was b. 8-20-1779 in N.C.; d. 10-11-1843. She m. 1808 Richard Sedgwick b. 1774 in Yorkshire, England; d. 7-4-1849. They are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. "In England, Mr. Sedgwick was a shepherd

"and farmer, but after coming to America, he followed agriculture exclusively. He was described as a muscular, red complexioned man. After his marriage, he moved to a farm of 300 acres, three miles south of Boston, Harrison Twp., Union County, Indiana. He imported the first short horn bull ever brought out to this part of the country. A fine mechanic, he built the threshing machine. It was made almost entirely of wood, cogs and wheels being wooden and the 'riddles' were made of rawhide and tow-strings."61

A. MARTHA JENNIE SMITH b. 2-7-1845 at Richmond; d. 2-7-1896 (slipped on a sidewalk). She m. 12-19-1872 at Wayne Co. (Book K, p. 349) CAPT. HORACE B. QUIMBY b. 1840; d. 2-19-1883 at Ft. Snelling, Minnesota. Both are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. Horace Quimby enlisted in the Civil War as a member of the 69th Regt. At the time of his death, he was a member of the 25th Infantry. During the years 1881-83, he was stationed at Fort Randall in the Dakota Territory. Issue:

1. CHARLES (SAM) QUIMBY b. 1-11-1874 at Ft. Worth, Texas; d. 10-30-1944 at Niles, Mich.; buried at the Silver Brook Cemetery in Niles. He was unmarried. Mr. Quimby attended Notre Dame University. He joined the firm of Dougan & Co. (dry goods) as clerk, and remained until 1889, at which time he purchased the store. He served as Alderman from the second ward for one term, was a Mason (member of lodge, chapter and commandery, and was a past master, as well as high priest and Eminent commander of the commandery). He belonged to the Mystic Shrine at Grand Rapids, Mich. He was a hero of children who followed him around and whom he amused with "slight of hand" tricks, according to one source.
2. HELEN M. (NELL) QUIMBY b. 1875; d. 1903 at Niles, Mich. She m. (1) CHARLES M. (TODD) MONTAGUE b. 1876, son of John A. and Helen (Johnson) Montague. (2) JESSE A. WORTH. Charles Montague attended Notre Dame University. He clerked three years in his father's hardware store, then became teller in the First National Bank of Niles for four years, or until the failure of the bank. He then became assistant to the receiver and continued until 1903. When, due to the death of his father, he resigned to take charge of the hardware business. He was also in the retail coal business, and a director of the National Rawhide & Belting Co. of Niles, and secretary and director of the Security Loan & Bldg. Assn. of Niles. No issue.
3. ALICE H. QUIMBY b. 2-7-1877; d. 5-26-1947 at Niles, Mich. She is buried at the Silver Brook Cemetery at Niles. Unmarried. She owned two farms in Kansas and a dry goods store. At the time of her death she left a set of autobiographical pictographs and other memorabilia of Sitting Bull, which are now permanent possessions of the Fort St. Joseph Historical Assn. Museum at Niles. These items have been valued highly by the Smithsonian Institute. While Miss Quimby's father was Regimental Quartermaster of the 31st Regt. of Infantry at Fort Randall, Sitting Bull made drawings for the child; these pictographs (on display at Niles) were made as exchange for food and other articles with the family. The 13 pictographs were executed in pencil and ink and painted with water colors. Sitting Bull, a Hunkpapa Teton Sioux, was b. ca 1834 in South Dakota; he d. 12-15-1890.
4. BELLE QUIMBY b. 1880; d. 1905; buried at the Earlham Cemetery. She m. HARRY COOK who is currently living in New York and is engaged in

in the wholesale tea and coffee business. No issue.

- B. ANNA M. SMITH b. 10-23-1846; d. 11-17-1930. She m. 12-5-1872 GEORGE W. DOUGAN b. 8-15-1841; d. 2-8-1898. Both are buried at Silver Brook. She was known for leading many parades on horseback. George Dougan was in partnership (1873) with A. B. Fox and continued for five years. Then he divided the stock. He was noted for his honorable business methods. He served one term as Mayor of Niles and two terms as Alderman. He was a member of the School Board for three years; served as Treasurer. In 1884 he was appointed Indian Trader for the Black Feet Indians with headquarters in the northwestern part of Montana, at the old Indian Agency north of Sun River; but he resigned the position on account of Indian trouble. He was a stockholder and director of the First National Bank of Niles, and a member of St. Joseph Valley Lodge No. 4, A.F. & A.M. He is the son of George W. and Eliza (Farr) Dougan. Issue:
1. RICHARD SEDGWICK DOUGAN b. 1875; d. 1935; buried at Silver Brook. He m. HALLY CRANE and had issue:
 - a. DARR DOUGAN
 - b. FRED DOUGAN
 2. MAY DOUGAN b. 3-31-1879. She m. FRED FOX b. 1869; d. 1943; buried at Silver Brook Cemetery. He is son of Judge Fox.
 3. GEORGE DOUGAN III b. 8-5-1881; m. _____ and lives at Berrien Springs, Mich.
 4. ARDELLA DOUGAN b. 1-27-1883; m. 12-25-1908 OLLIE BLACKMOND b. 1-13-1884; d. 6-8-1953. Address: M 40 South, Dowagiac, Mich. Issue:
 - a. GEROGE BLACKMOND
- C. RICHARD S. SMITH b. 3-8-1849; d. Sept., 1915. He m. 4-10-1877 at Wayne Co., Ind. (Book L, p. 556) BELLE LANCASTER b. 3-4-1857; d. in the spring of 1936. They had issue:
1. GEORGE SMITH b. 9-20-1879; d. November, 1939. He m. (1) 1900 GAIL MC NUTT b. 4-8-1882; d. 1935. (2) NELL BARNES. Issue:
 - a. PAULINE REBECCA SMITH b. 4-4-1901; m. (1) 11-27-1920 SIDNEY WATT b. 6-20-1901; (2) 7-4-1945 FREDERICK BARTLETT b. 7-26-1894; d. 6-23-1946 of cancer. Issue:
 - i. ROSEMARY MAE WATT b. 4-13-1922; m. 3-14-1953 LLOYD TURNER, JR. b. 2-3-1923. They live in Arizona.
 - ii. RICHARD FRANCES WATT b. 2-7-1925. He m. (1) (2)
- D. PETER SMITH m. ca 1879 KATE BUHL b. Oct., 1853; d. March, 1932. Both are buried at Atchison, Kansas. They were childhood sweethearts. Mr. Smith was in the banking business. Issue:
1. THEODOSIA SMITH b. 4-29-1882; d. 11-11-1892. She was buried at Earl Cemetery; the body was moved to Topeka, Kansas, 1933.
 2. MALCOLM SHOMBRE SMITH b. 8-22-1886; d. at his family home, 1300 W. 6th St., Topeka, Kansas, 5-27-1953. From The Hunt Family (p. 158): "He was educated in the Topeka Schools, attended Clay School, and was graduated from Topeka High School. He attended college and in 1906 was employed by the Santa Fe railroad as a surveyor; later he worked as a draftsman in the mechanical department until 1914. After a period with the telephone company, Mr. Smith returned to the Santa Fe, serving as draftsman in the signal department from April 1926 until his retirement in Sept. 1949. . . An interesting article appeared in the Daily Capital Newspaper of Topeka, Kansas dated June 2, 1952. It

"stated that Mr. Smith directed that a fund of \$8,000 be deposited in the Topeka State Bank for the care of his horse, 'October Moon', a 17 year old bay saddle horse. Robert Wegele, manager of the stables at the Kansas Free Fairgrounds, is to receive \$30 a month from this fund for the care of the horse. This fund will take care of the horse for more than 22 years. If there is still a balance, it will be given to the Shawnee County Humane Society. After a number of bequests have been settled, the residue from the estate was divided equally between the Kansas Avenue Methodist Church, Boys Town and the Salvation Army."

3. ROBERT SMITH d. March, 1933. Unmarried. He was an editorial writer for a Minneapolis newspaper.
- E. BELLE (ISABELLE) SMITH b. August, 1855; d. 3-29-1939. She m. 1-20-1887 LOUIS C. ORR b. 8-3-1857; d. July, 1931. Mr. Orr was employed by the railway mail service at the time of his marriage. The family moved to Atchison, Kansas. Issue:
 1. RICHARD ORR b. 7-3-1888; d. 5-28-1943. He m. 1-1-1920 MARY YARGER. She was b. 5-1-1887. They had issue:
 - a. MILDRED ORR b. 8-26-1921; m. 11-25-1943 THOMAS RICHARD PALMER b. 8-24-1921. Address: 1104 National Ave., Marion, Ind. Issue:
 - i. MARY JANET PALMER b. 2-25-1945.
 - ii. JAMES RICHARD PALMER b. 4-20-1951.
 - b. LOUIS ORR b. 12-4-1923; m. 3-7-1947 DOROTHY MOFFETT b. 8-7-1921.
 - i. RICHARD MOFFETT ORR b. 11-25-1948.
 - ii. GEORGEANN ORR b. 2-17-1952.
- F. MARGARET (MAGGIE) SMITH unmarried. She is buried on the Peter Smith lot in Topeka, Kansas.
- G. CLARA MAY SMITH b. 5-31-1858; d. 3-29-1861 age 2-4-29. She is buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery.
- V. GEORGE H. SMITH b. 1820; d. 1911. He m. 1-22-1850 in Wayne Co. CLARISSA LEWIS b. 1828; d. 1920. Both are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. Issue:
 - A. MARTHA SMITH b. 1851; d. 1870; buried at the Elkhorn.
 - B. HESTER SMITH
 - C. MARGARET SMITH b. 1853; d. 1874; buried at the Elkhorn.
 - D. LEWIS PETER SMITH b. 4-15-1858; d. 10-25-1896. He m. OLIVE HAWORTH b. 4-3-1861; d. 8-13-1940. Both are buried at West Point Cemetery in Liberty, Ind. Issue:
 1. WILLIS STANTON SMITH b. 9-4-1886; d. 9-10-1890; buried at West Point.
 2. HARROLD SMITH
 3. ETHEL SMITH b. 5-8-1890; d. 6-20-1891; buried at West Point Cemetery.
 4. LLOYD H. SMITH b. 12-22-1894; m. 10-14-1922 in Union Co. HELEN MITCHELL b. 1-10-1897 in Union Co., daughter of Elsie E. (Hunt) and James Smith Mitchell. Issue:
 - a. JAMES MITCHELL SMITH b. 5-16-1924.
 - E. INDIA SMITH d. 6-25-1940 age 83. She m. DAVID M. ESTEB in Wayne Co.; he d. 2-20-1933. Both are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. They lived in Chicago for awhile. He was a member of the Chicago Board of Trades.
 - VI. WARREN SMITH m. (1) LIDA MEYER (2) NELLIE _____. He moved to Tennessee.
 - A. FRANK SMITH
 - B. MARGARET SMITH
 - VII JAMES (JIM) SMITH b. 12-1-1822; d. 11-6-1902. He m. (1) 4-10-1850 in Union Co. (Book D, p. 47) MARY HANNAH HUNT b. 11-11-1832; d. 5-23-1888, daughter of

Hannah D. (Esteb) and George W. Hunt. Hannah Hunt was b. 1812/13; d. 7-20-1872. George W. Hunt was b. 1805 in Clermont Co., Ohio; d. 10-29-1869. He came to Indiana in 1813, and was m. 11-3-1831. George Hunt is the son of Mary (Shotwell) and Jonathan Hunt; the former was b. 12-1-1766 in North Carolina, and d. 11-25-1833; the eldest son of Charles and Francina Hunt. Jonathan Hunt was a teacher and a Baptist deacon. He m. (2) Nancy Abrams b. 4-17-1798; d. 3-24-1852. Mary and Jonathan were m. 1802 in Clermont Co. She was b. 1785; d. 10-18-1816. All the foregoing are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery -- James and Mary Hannah Smith and his parents, George and Hannah Hunt, are buried in the mausoleum there. The subject of this sketch m. (2) 8-10-1891 MRS. ADELINE (BROWN) BEVIS. Issue:

- A. MARGARET HANNAH SMITH b. 3-1-1851; d. 2-22-1931. She m. 4-22-1874 ALBERT H. MITCHELL b. 1-24-1849; d. 6-17-1897. Both are buried at the Elkhorn. Issue:
1. JAMES SMITH MITCHELL b. 1-25-1875; d. 3-24-1925. He m. 7-1-1896 ELSIE HUNT b. 12-17-1874. Issue:
 - a. HELEN MITCHELL b. 1-10-1897; m. 10-14-1922 LLOYD SMITH b. 12-22-1894. They had issue:
 - i. JAMES MITCHELL SMITH b. 5-14-1924.
 - b. ALBERT MITCHELL b. 1-30-1899; d. 12-25-1934. He m. MILDRED MIABAUGH b. 12-7-1894; d. 5-4-1955. Issue:
 - i. SHEILA MITCHELL b. 1-18-1925.
 2. CHARLES GRANT MITCHELL b. 2-14-1878; d. 10-5-1929. He m. 12-13-1901 HELEN HUNT b. 8-23-1879. There were no issue.
 3. ELLA MITCHELL b. 6-19-1881; d. 5-5-1893, having been struck by lightning. She is buried at Elkhorn.

B. MARY REBECCA (MATIE) SMITH b. 10-26-1855; d. 5-25-1921. She m. 3-2-1874 in Union Co. (Book E, p. 442) JOSHUA DAVIS b. 5-10-1846; d. 1927. Mr. Davis was a member of Post 188, GAR. Both are buried at the West Point Cemetery, Liberty, Ind. They had issue:

 1. JAMES HUNT DAVIS b. 8-15-1877; m. 10-26-1906 MARGARET MORGAN b. 12-13-1884. Mr. Davis is an officer in the Winters National Bank and Trust Co. (Dayton, Ohio). He is also a Director of the Liberty, Indiana Bank. Issue:
 - a. JEAN DAVIS b. 3-27-1916 in Liberty, Ind. She m. (1) 2-4-1939 CHARLES HARWOOD (2) 8-19-1950 W. C. HUBER. Address: 633 Woods Ave., Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Huber owns a large parking garage in Dayton. Issue:
 - i. JAMES DAVIS HARWOOD HUBER b. 6-11-1941.
 - ii. WILLIAM BICKFORD HUBER b. 10-19-1951.
 - b. MARJORIE DAVIS b. 2-5-1918; m. 3-28-1939 ROBERT ASHTON HERBRUCK
 - i. BOBBIE HERBRUCK b. 1-21-1942.
 - ii. MARGO HERBRUCK b. 6-23-1945.
 - iii. DICKY HERBRUCK b. 10-10-1946.
 - iv. JUDY HERBRUCK b. 5-3-1948.
 - v. ANN HERBRUCK b. 5-7-1951.

VIII. MARTHA SMITH b. 1824; d. 1835; buried at Elkhorn Cemetery.

IX. JOSEPH W. SMITH unmarried.

X. IRWIN SMITH b. 1826/28; d. 1877; buried at Elkhorn Cemetery.

XI. MARGARET SMITH b. 10-1-1834; d. 10-5-1881 age 47. She m. 4-29-1857 in Wayne Co., Ind. (Book G, p. 158) NELSON CROWE b. 9-6-1826 in Center Twp.,

Wayne Co.; d. 1-3-1908 in Boston Twp., Wayne Co. Both are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. Nelson Crowe is the son of Elizabeth (Cranford) and Daniel Crowe from N.C. who d. (both) in 1876, parents of 13 children. Nelson Crowe was a blacksmith until 1862, at which time he bought a farm. Issue:

A. JOHN DANIEL CROWE b. 3-2-1858 in Centerville, Ind.; d. Feb., 1937. He m. 10-5-1886 in Webster, Ind. ELIZABETH MATTACK SMITH b. 8-27-1862; d. 8-28-1945. Both are buried at Earlham Cemetery. Elizabeth M. Smith is the daughter of Susanna (Hayhow) and William Winter Smith. Susanna was b. 3-24-1834 at Boston, Lincolnshire, England. William W. Smith was b. 9-14-1834 at Ewerby, Lincolnshire, England; he m. 1861 in Cincinnati, Ohio. William d. 7-25-1903; his wife, 2-14-1914. He came to America first, and settled in Boston Twp. She came to America with friends in 1853, but returned to England, and re-emigrated in 1861. John Daniel Crowe attended Earlham College 1878-79. He was employed by Sedgwick fence factory for 17 years, being in charge of the erection of the wire machines. The company was sold and when it was transferred to Detroit, John Daniel also went to Detroit and served as the foreman of the company there. He moved back to Wayne Co. after four years and farmed 185 acres. He owned property in Richmond and Bostown Twp. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church and a Republican. The Hayhows (parents of Susanna) were b. in England. John Hayhow was b. in Norfolk and d. 10-17-1871. He m. Mary Ann _____ who was b. in Holbeart and d. 2-7-1871. Both are buried at Centerville, Ind. JOHN DANIEL and ELIZABETH CROWE had issue:

1. SMITH NELSON CROWE b. 11-1-1889 in Wayne Co., attended Rose Polytechnic School (Civil Engineer) in Terre Haute, Ind. He lives at Rollo or Salem, Missouri.
2. HERBERT WILLIAM CROWE b. 8-29-1891 in Richmond, Ind.; m. 6-10-1946 at Newton Center, Mass. (First Baptist Church) SUSANNAH TRIMBLE b. 5-26-1889 in Chillicothe, Mo. She received a B.S. from University of Missouri and Master's degree in Religious Education from Andover-Newton Theological Seminary. Herbert William Crowe attended Earlham College 1911-12 and received his B.S. of A. in 1917 from Purdue U. He was Ensign in the U.S.N. from July 24, 1918 till July 24, 1922, serving on the U.S.S.E.L. Doheny III. He is with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. (farm mortgages). His hobbies are woodcraft and church activities. He is Deacon of the Baptist Church, Clerk of the Friends Meeting, and belongs to Kiwanis and Masonic lodge. Travel: England, France, Gilbralter, Panama, and Equador. Address: Columbia, Missouri. Formerly of 1512 W. Parkside Dr., Peoria, Ill. No issue.
3. MARGARET CROWE b. 4-17-1905 in Webster, Ind.; m. 12-31-1927 in Webster CLARENCE PAUL JENKINS b. 4-29-1893 in Center Twp., Wayne Co. The wedding was performed by the Rev. F. C. McCormick at the Milton Christian Church. Clarence attended Earlham College 1910-13 and is a farmer on the original Peter Smith farm. Margaret attended Earlham 1923-24 and Purdue University 1925-27, majoring in Home Econ. They are Methodists. I am most grateful to Mrs. Jenkins for her assistance in compiling the Crowe genealogy. They live at Webster, Ind., and have issue:
 - a. MILDRED MARCIA JENKINS b. 3-15-1929; m. MALCOLM JEFFERS b. 12-8-1930 at Richmond. Address: Greenfork, Ind. Issue:

- i. MARY MARGARET JEFFERS b. 8-3-1952 at Spring Grove (at that time called Greenfork).
 - ii. DAVID MALCOLM JEFFERS b. 2-23-1954 at Spring Grove, Ind.
- b. JULIA JENKINS (twin) b. 6-30-1932 in Wayne Twp., Wayne Co., Ind.
- c. JEANETTE JENKINS (twin) b. 6-30-1932 in Wayne Co.; m. WILLIAM FLETCHER (div.). She is a secretary to a doctor at Baxter Laboratories in Morton Grove, Ill. Address: Chicago. William is in Florida with the Eastern Airlines.
- B. GEORGE W. CROWE b. 3-25-1862; d. 7-1-1930. He m. 12-21-1886 in Wayne Co. (Book O, p. 562) MILLIE AGNES HUNT b. 3-23-1867 in Ind. and living at 10261 W. 44th Ave., Wheatridge, Colo. Issue:
 - 1. HOWARD CLIFFORD CROWE b. 10-15-1890 at Abington, Ind.; m. 1-1-1923 MARTHA EVELYN CALHOUN b. 6-18-1902 in Colo., daughter of Nellie Etheleen (Niles) b. 2-5-1870 at Altmar, N.Y.; d. 2-7-1934 at Denver and Thomas Calhoun b. 3-21-1868 at Hobart, N.Y.; m. 2-21-1900; d. 12-5-1937. Nellie Etheleen is the daughter of Martha Isabell (Calkins) b. 6-11-1848 in Richland, N.Y.; d. 8-3-1939 at Buena Vista, Calif. and Charles Albert Niles b. 2-11-1849 at Mexico City, N.Y.; m. 3-25-1863; d. 6-10-1930 at Buena Vista. Martha Isabell's parents are Patience A. (Burdick) b. 1822 at Holmsville, N.Y. and Charles Salmon Calkins b. 1-19-1823; d. 4-3-1909. Charles Albert Niles is the son of Nancy and John Niles. Thomas Calhoun is the son of Martha (Burrough) b. in Ireland and John Calhoun b. Scotland and d. in New York. Howard C. Crowe is Justice of Peace and Deputy Clerk and Recorder (formerly) at Golden, Colo. He was Grange Treasurer for 21 yrs. at Wheat Ridge. He had perfect attendance for 14 yrs. at Kiwanis Club, and was president for two of those years. He received the 50 Years Grange Award and has done volunteer work for 10 yrs. at State Home and Training School. Address: 10351 W. 44th Ave., Wheat Ridge, Colo. Issue:
 - a. CLIFFORD NILES CROWE b. 11-1-1924; m. 9-5-1951 ANNA LOUISE ROBINS b. 1-17-1927. He was in W.W.II. Address: Chicago. Issue:
 - i. KAREN LOUISE CROWE b. 6-17-1952.
 - b. ROBERT CALHOUN CROWE b. 1-17-1926; m. 6-12-1948 MARY ELIZABETH HOLDEN b. 10-27-1924. Robert spent three yrs. in Germany during W.W.II. Address: Detroit, Michigan. Issue:
 - i. JEFFREY CROWE b. 8-30-1950.
 - ii. GREGORY CROWE b. 9-24-1952.
 - c. AGNES JEANETTE CROWE b. 10-30-1927; m. 8-14-1949 DANIEL WEST b. 7-19-1924. Address: Denver, Colo. Issue:
 - i. MICHAEL DANIEL WEST b. 9-13-1953.
 - ii. ROBERT WEST b. 11-30-1955.
 - 2. MARJORIE CROWE b. 6-5-1893 in Abington, Ind.; m. (1) 11-22-1917 MATHEW HAWKINSON b. 2-1887; d. 12-10-1939 (2) 4-18-1943 EDWARD OSBAUGH b. 11-20-1895. Address: Wheat Ridge, Colo. Issue:
 - a. EILEEN HAWKINSON b. 12-4-1918; m. 10-17-1942 GEORGE LINDBLAD b. 2-3-19___. Issue:
 - i. KENNETH LYNN LINDBLAD b. 4-22-1946.
 - ii. SAMMY LINDBLAD b. 4-4-1948.
 - iii. CARL JAY LINDBLAD b. 11-6-1950.
 - iv. RUTH ANN LINDBLAD b. 3-23-1953.
 - b. BEVERLY HAWKINSON b. 1-2-1921; m. 8-28-1941 RICHARD HUNT b. 6-28-

1920. He is a building contractor. Issue:
- i. ANITA KAREN HUNT b. 8-7-1945
 - c. GLEN DAVID HAWKINSON b. 8-24-1923; m. 9-16-1951 MARGARET ELINOR WALLIS b. 12-19-1928. He is an engineer for a telephone company in Colorado Springs, Colo. Issue:
 - i. MATTHEW HAWKINSON b. 1-27-1953
 - ii. MARTA ROSE HAWKINSON b. 9-12-1956
3. LAWRENCE KENNETH CROWE b. 10-11-1898 in Richmond; m. 6-28-1923 in Sterling, Colo. (the Rev. R. H. Ayres at the First Methodist Church) VERA LUCILE PEREAU b. 10-6-1899 in Sterling, daughter of Belle (Hunter) b. 9-29-1876 in Republic, Ohio; d. 12-28-1953; m. 2-14-1898 and Leslie Pereau b. 1870 at South Schroon, N.Y.; d. 1942. Belle is the daughter of Rachel (Rawson) b. in Ohio and Fred Hunter b. in Germany. Leslie is the son of Laura (Warren) d. 1916 and Will Pereau. Vera L. (Pereau) Crowe received her B.S. (Home Economics) in 1922 from Colorado State University. She was on the staff at University of Nebr. 1924-58 and on the same staff since that time, in Turkey. She is a 51-year member of the Methodist Church, was District Treas. of W.S. C.S. 1957-58, is a life member of P.T.A., is a member of A.A.U.W., faculty clubs, etc. Lawrence Kenneth Crowe received his B.S. in 1922 (Animal Husbandry) from Colorado State University, M.S. in 1925 from University of Nebraska (Dairy--Husbandry) and Ph.D. in 1946 (Dairy Technology and Biochemistry) from University of Minnesota. He has been on the University of Nebraska staff since 1925: 1925-58 Asst. and Professor; 1958-59 Associate Chief Advisor, Ataturk University, Turkey and 1959-60 Ataturk and Ankara Universities in Turkey, as the Chief Advisor. He received the Distinguished Teaching Award (\$1000) from University of Nebraska in April, 1958. He has published professional papers and bulletins. Dr. Crowe is a member of Alpha Zeta, Gamma Sigma Delta, Sigma Xi, Amer. Assn. Adv. Sci., Amer. Assn. Uni. Prof., Amer. Dairy Sci. Assn., Amer. Interprof. Inst., Chairman Board of Trustees of Methodist Church, Y.M.C.A., Sigma Phi Epsilon and is president of the Methodist City Union. Address: ICA Nebraska Group A.P.O. 254, c/o Postmaster, New York. (Erzurum, Turkey 1958-60)
- a. DONALD CROWE b. 10-28-1927 in Lincoln, Nebr.; m. 6-14-1953 in Ann Arbor, Mich. MARILYN ALGER b. 5-30-1932. Donald received his Ph.D. and is teaching mathematics in Ibadan, Nigeria.
 - b. BARBARA CROWE b. 1-6-1932 in Lincoln; m. 9-1-1955 DON THEODORE REEVES. Address: Central City, Nebr. Issue:
 - i. FEMALE b. 9-26-1956
- C. FRANK CROWE b. 1863; d. and buried at Oakland, Calif. He m. EDITH _____. Frank was a musician and lived at Albuquerque, N.M., for awhile.
- D. SCHUYLER C. CROWE b. 1866 south of Richmond, Ind.; d. 2-29-1936 in Hollywood, Calif. He m. GERTRUDE M. LEHMAN b. 1875; d. 1917. Both are buried at Elkhorn Cemetery. Schuyler lived on a farm south of Centerville, then moved to New Castle, Ind., and Louisville, Ky., before going to Calif.
- 1. COLLEEN CROWE b. 10-23-1893 in Wayne Co.; m. _____ KNUDSEN. They live in Hollywood, Calif.
- E. LOUELLA CROWE b. 1871/72 m. (1) HERBERT E. DRULEY b. 1871; d. 1933 (2) CHARLES ENDSLEY, deceased. Charles' first wife was Lola Druley.
- 1. LEONE ENDSLEY m. _____ NOSS. Add.: 3500 N. New Eng. Ave., Chicago.

- F. WALTER M/W CROWE b. 1869. He was an electrician and also in the orchard business in Oregon.
- G. CLARKE CROWE b. 1-3-1876; d. 6-18-1940. He m. 1-1-1915 LYDIA J. BRETZ, deceased. They lived near Richmond, Ind. Both are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery.



LIKE THE BANYON TREE sending out its aerial roots to grow down to the ground and form new trunks, JACOB SMELSER (b. 5-1-1784 near Waynesborough, Pa.) augmented his place in society through racial fertility and public benefactions.

On 12-8-1875, at the age of 91, Jacob left a \$100,000 estate (about \$60,000 in notes and cash and 1,500 acres of land) to his nine living

children and their heirs; and his remarkable will (on file at Wayne Co., Ind., Book 6, p. 187) exemplifies his business acumen and paternal interest in his family, for it expresses considerable effort at equal distribution in its enumeration of lands and cash already advanced to his children that were of age. Many of Jacob's descendants (now totalling over 600) still speak of him as "that dear, remarkable man."

The internationally famous artist, DeScott Evans, was sufficiently dazzled by Jacob's spiritual evanescence to paint his picture⁶² (see Family Album) which is now owned by a great-grandson, Walter Lafuse, who resides in the old Smelser homestead in Boston, Ind. Duplicates of this painting (also originals) are owned by Mrs. Reid Jordan of Boston, Ind., and Mrs. Druley Parker of Kokomo, Ind. In his newspaper article, Harry Dorsey states that this limner is "a good likeness of the sturdy old pioneer in his later days. It was painted about 1870, without the knowledge of the subject. Mr. Evans would call on Mr. Smelser, talk with him, study the lines of his face, return to his studio, put his impressions on canvas and come again in a few days for another sitting. This portrait is one of the first by Mr. Evans."⁶³

The Jacob Smelser homestead (which has never been outside the family) is a large, colonial brick house located about six miles south of Richmond on the old U.S. 27, in the lower edge of what was known as the "Kentucky Settlement," the first in Wayne Co. In front of the house was a stone fence half a mile long. Jacob bought this farm in 1823 from Henry Cuppy, paying him \$1,500 for 240 acres, on which were a pole barn and an old log cabin. This transaction was made after dark, in cash, upon the evening of the family's arrival at Wayne Co. The present house was built in 1830 and the fence (typical of the fences in Bourbon Co., Ky., from whence he emigrated) was erected in 1833 or 1834. It has since been removed.

At a gathering of a few relatives and friends at the Smelser homestead early in October, 1936, ELIZABETH SMELSER (1875-1959, great-granddaughter of Jacob) gave the following account of the arrival of the Smelsers at their new home:

"At the close of a midsummer day 113 years ago, an emigrant with his family from Bourbon County, Ky., stopped his tired team at his new home, at a place, no doubt, a few rods from where we now are. The family consisted of an earnest-faced man about 41 years old, one Jacob Smelser, his Madonna-faced wife, Elizabeth Smith Smelser, and their five children, one a 10-months-old baby, who became the father

"of the now oldest living descendant of Jacob Smelser.

"The long trip was made in a covered wagon, which transported the needed articles of living, the wearing apparel, the fire-place cooking utensils, also the money in gold and silver coins, with which the owner paid for his newly acquired possessions. Following the covered wagon came a number of fine cattle, which the owner anticipated would be his chief source of income. There also were some riding horses, which were the principal means of travel.

"The mother of the family did not ride in the wagon. She was too good a sports-woman for that. She rode a pacing mare that had been purchased especially for the trip, and on her lap was her baby James. From the horn of her saddle hung not her golf clubs or her beauty kit, but a jug of milk.

"I will add that the farm was paid for in full, the night of the arrivals, with the coins that had been carefully concealed in the wagon in a half bushel measure.

"Also, I will state a fact from which we may, young and old, learn a valuable lesson of foresight. Jacob Smelser thinking of the future, and knowing that nothing was worth having without well directed hard work, gathered by hand sufficient Bourbon County blue grass seed to sow a field near his new home in Indiana. This seed grew and continued to grow and furnish feed for his ever increasing herds. When baby James became a man and acquired an estate of his own, he took some of this Kentucky blue grass seed to his new acres.

"Within seven years of the time he arrived in Indiana, Jacob Smelser had built the large brick house, which was one of the earliest in that community. It is of colonial type, constructed of bricks burned of native clay, with wood fuel cut on the farm. Its rooms are large, with a broad hall in the center and an easy stair-way leading to rooms on the second floor. It looks much as it did a century ago, with the exception that a coat of stucco hides the mortar joints and a front porch has been added. Another change is the garage at the right, which displaced a covered outside entrance to the cellar. West of the house is a small building with a large fireplace, which is reminiscent of the days when the factory was still on the farm and the hams and bacon were cured and the lard rendered at home.

"The century old stone fence along the north line of this farm is one of the few of its kind in this section of the State and is more than a historical landmark. Here are a few facts about it from a memorandum by Minerva Smelser Hart, daughter of Jacob Smelser and grandmother of present owner of the farm, written 12-8-1915:

"The fence is 162 rods long, four feet high besides the curbs, 22 inches wide at the bottom and 18 to 20 inches wide at the top. The stone was hauled from Elkhorn 78 years or more. One thousand dollars was paid to William Wood, father of Alexander Wood, who lived near Abington for hauling them. There are about five perches to the rod. Making a little over 810 perches in the fence. It was laid up by two Germans by the name of Fromm. I do not know what he paid them."64

Dorsey comments: "A perch, term little used by masons now, contained about 25 cubic feet. This means that there are about eight cubic feet of stone in each linear foot of this wall and about 750 cubic yards in the entire wall.

"Another interesting structure is the bank barn, which probably is as old as the fence. It is a frame structure, and as its name indicates, it has entrances on two levels. The frame work is of huge hand-hewed posts, those supporting the main floor, being 18 inches square, those of the upper structure being somewhat smaller. The upper floor was used for threshing grain, back in the days when the grain was trodden out by animals. The center of the roof is supported by a great 'swing beam' considerably thicker in the middle than at each end, to give it sufficient strength and to obviate the necessity of a post in the center of the floor.

"George Hart, 81 years old, a grandson of Jacob Smelser, told me that when he was a boy he often had seen threshing in this barn. The wheat or oats was placed on the floor and a boy on a horse and leading another horse rode around and around. Men with forks stirred the straw continuously and later the straw was removed and the chaff and grain shoveled in a fanning mill and the chaff was blown away. This was only a slight improvement over the method used in Bible days, when it was written 'Thous shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn.'"65

In 1942 the American Book Company published the following account about Jacob's early childhood move to Fort Washington (now Cincinnati, Ohio). He was twelve years old in the story which was embellished by the author, Edwina Morrow, in order to portray more vividly Kentucky pioneer life. The story was told by 93-year-old Eliza Kate Smelser (a grandchild of Jacob and great-grandchild of "The Brave Young Mother") to her friend who was the daughter of Edwin Morrow. Both Edwin Morrow and Eliza K. Smelser were born on 12-6-1847, and grew up together in Wayne Co., Ind. At the time of publication, Miss Morrow, author of children's books and stories, sent the following explanation to Miss Smelser, from her Cincinnati home: "Please remember that I have used this true incident to give modern children an insight into the difficulties and dangers of that pioneer time in Kentucky. For this reason I have built into the story as much factual detail as possible. And since the actual details of this incident were not known I have used the writer's privilege of adding details which are known to have been true of the times. For instance I did not know that your grandmother brought her loom and spinning wheels in the wagon, but in the Kentucky annals which I studied I found reference to other weavers who brought their implements, and this fact gives the children an understanding of the primitive conditions of the settlements. Similarly other details were added to give vividness and actuality to the narrative."66 (The following story is printed by permission.)

"A BRAVE YOUNG MOTHER

"One spring evening in the year 1780 a wagon train of pioneers plodded along the rough trail on the northern bank of the Ohio River. The men were urging the tired horses forward because they wanted to spend the night at Fort Washington, the strong new fort built by General George Rogers Clark where the city of Cincinnati stands today. The travelers were then in the Indian country and it was not safe to spend the night camping along the trail. They had seen no sign of Indians and were really not much worried about being attacked. But they knew that their friends in Fort Washington would be overjoyed to see them, and they longed for the good food and friendly company as much as the safety of the fort.

"In the last wagon sat two children, Jacob Smelser 12 years old, and his little sister Betsy. They were very cramped because the wagon was so crowded that there was hardly room for them to sit up straight. Their mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Smelser, was an expert spinner and weaver. She was going out to the new Kentucky country to set up a little shop to weave cloth for the settlers. She had friends at Martin's Fort, near Paris, Kentucky, and they told her that a good weaver was needed in the settlement. Mrs. Smelser knew that she could not get a weaving loom in the new country, so she took along her own good loom and her two spinning wheels, the large one for wool yarn and the small one to spin linen thread. The heavy timbers of the loom were laid on the floor of the wagon, and the spinning wheels were hung overhead. The wagon was crowded with many other things, too. No wonder the children were cramped and tired!



"Mrs. Smelser was tired, too, but worse yet she was worried and anxious. All the other children going out to the new country had strong young fathers to work for them and to protect them from danger. Her children had no father. Their father was one of George Washington's brave soldiers and had been killed fighting for his country. Mrs. Smelser had tried hard to make a living for her children with her spinning and weaving. She could not get enough work there, so was going out to a wild new country to earn a living for herself and her children. No wonder she was anxious and worried!

"Now the tired and fretful children begged to get out and walk along the trail behind the wagon. Their mother got out, too. She stopped to pick wild flowers while the children skipped and ran along ahead of her. Suddenly they heard wild yells in the wooded hills along the trail. Then arrows came whizzing over their heads. Mrs. Smelser saw her two children climb into the wagon and she tried to run, but her long skirts and her rough heavy shoes held her back.

"The horses broke into a gallop and the wagons disappeared around a turn in the trail. Mrs. Smelser then sank down exhausted and hid herself in the underbrush. She heard the Indians running near her but in the dusk they did not see her. Soon it was so dark that she felt sure the Indians could not see her. She was afraid of snakes in the underbrush, so she crawled out and sat on the log of a fallen tree. She was very, very tired but she dared not sleep for fear of the Indians and the wild animals.

"Once she saw two eyes gleaming in the starlight. She gave a little smothered scream and instantly the eyes disappeared. She smiled as she thought that she had frightened the poor little creature as much as it had frightened her. Then she heard an owl and that frightened her more than the animals. She knew that the Indians used the calls of birds as signals. She held her breath, listening, listening for footsteps. An Indian could not have gone so far so quickly. She longed to walk on toward the fort, but she could not see the trail and she knew she would only get lost in the forest. She waited and waited until it was light enough to

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"see the wagon tracks, and then she followed them trthrough the woods to Fort Washington. Soon she was safe with her children in the log cabin home of good friends there.

"Long afterward, in the summer of 1941, this story was told by a merry little old lady ninety-three years old. She was the granddaughter of the boy Jacob who was so glad to see his mother again that morning in 1780."⁶⁷

In 1811, at the age of 28, Jacob married ELIZABETH SMITH, daughter of NICHOLAS SMITH and KATY SOONYTUCKER of Kentucky. They left Bourbon Co. and came to Boston Twp., Wayne Co., Ind., in the spring of 1823, where he aided in cultivating his primitive surroundings into rich farmland.

While actually being of strong anti-slavery sentiment, he naturally reacted to the old southern ideas regarding slavery while being a native of Maryland and living in Kentucky, to the extent of ownership of several slaves which he later freed. This trend of thinking is reflected in the change from his early being a Jacksonian Democrat, and later becoming associated with the Whig party. It is said, however, that one faithful slave, "Ben", to whom he had given his freedom but had hired out for eleven years, afterward joined the family in Indiana.⁶⁸

Occasionally, Jacob would load the products of the distillery, which he owned during his early Indiana residence, upon a flat boat which followed the river route to New Orleans, and then walk back the entire distance.⁶⁹

Jacob d. 12-8-1875 age 91-7-8. His funeral was preached at Elkhorn by the Rev. H. F. Miller from the text selected by the deceased: "I have fought the good fight; I have finished my work; I have kept the faith."

Elizabeth Smith, wife of Jacob, was b. 11-25-1793 near Hagerstown, Md. She d. at the age of 75-6-3 on 4-7-1869. Both Elizabeth and Jacob Smelser are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery, Wayne Co., Ind. The Elkhorn is a beautiful cemetery, particularly on a late spring day when the grass is deep green and the sky is the color of larkspur. It is of historic interest to note that the first school in Wayne Co. was on the ground a part of which is Elkhorn Cemetery. Joseph Cox (who came from Ky.) was the teacher. There are undoubtedly more Smelsers (and collateral families) buried here than anywhere else in the United States.

The source of Jacob Smelser's will is: Clerk's Office, Richmond, Ind., Book of Wills No. 6, p. 187.

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JACOB SMELSER'S WILL #
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I, Jacob Smelser of the county of Wayne and State of Indiana, being of
sound mind and disposing mind and memory and being anxious to dispose of my
whole worldly estate do make and publish this my last will and testament here-
by invoking all former wills by me at any time made.

First, I will and direct that all of my just debts of every kind shall be

first be paid by my Executor.

Secondly. Desiring to equalize the distribution of my estate among my #
children I now state that I conveyed to my daughter Harriet Byars and her #
former husband William Hunt, one quarter section of land in Rush County, Ind- #
iana and I also gave them one thousand dollars in chas.

I conveyed and gave to my son Solomon Smelser one quarter section of land #
in Union county, Indiana and one thousand dollars in cash.

I conveyed and gave to my daughter Katharine Estep and Isaac M. Estep her #
husband one hundred and seventy nine acres (179) in Rush County, Indiana and #
one thousand dollars in cash.

I conveyed and gave to my daughter Margaret Sedgwick and Jno. Sedgwick #
her husband one quarter section of land in Rush County, Indiana and one thous- #
and dollars in cash.

I have conveyed and given to my son James Smelser one quarter section of #
land in Union county, Indiana and one thousand dollars in cash.

I have conveyed and given to my son Isham Smelser one hundred and eighty #
acres of land and have given him some other things to make him equal in ad- #
vancements with my above named children to one quarter of land and one thous- #
and dollars.

The above advancements are designed to make my children to whom they have #
been made equal.

Thirdly. I will and devise unto my son Jacob Smelser and his heirs and #
assigned forever to take effects to subject to a life estate in my wife Eliz- #
abeth Smelser as herein after mentioned. The half section of land on which #
I now live and known as my homestead farm situated in Wayne County, Indiana #
upon the express condition that said Jacob Smelser or his heirs or assigns #
shall within two years after my disease pay to my son Isham Smelser thirty #
two hundred dollars which I give to him as a bequest and the payment of which #
to him or his assigns, I charge on said lands unto whoever hands the said land #
may come; and I also give and bequeath to my son Jacob my waggon and harness, #
all of my farming utensils and if I have one at my decease my saddle horse.

Fourthly. I will and devise to my daughter Minerva Hart and James her #
husband the undivided halfs of three 80 acre lots or two hundred and forty #
acres of land in Rush county aforesaid being the only land which I own now in #
said county and having already given them one thousand dollars. Regard this #
devise as making them equal to the advancements made to my other children.

And I will and devise to my daughter Tracey and her heirs forever the un- #
divided half of the said 240 acres of land in Rush county and also give and #
bequeath to the said Tracy one thousand dollars to be paid at the age of #
twenty one years or at her marriage if she should marry under that age.

Fifthly. I will and devise unto my wife Elizabeth Smelser the house and its appertenances and a twelve acre pasture lot on my homestead farm during her natural life and I also give and direct that cometend and sufficient provisions for her use during life shall be furnished to her by my son Jacob off the said homestead and for this purpose my said son is to have possession of said farm except the house, its appertenances and the lot devised to my wife during her life but it is my express will and direction that my son shall not sell or dispose of said farm during the life of my wife: and I further give and bequeath to my said wife twenty five hundred dollars in cash. One horse and buggy, two cows and the whole of my household and kitchen furniture as her own.

Sixthly. I will and bequeath unto my daughters Harriett Byers, Margaret Sedgwick, Minerva Hart and Tracey Smelser and my sons Solomon Smelser and James Smelser and my daughter Katharine Estep two thousand dollars "each".

Seventhly. I order, will and devise that my executors shall sell and convey for the best price he can get my tract of land in Union county adjoining my homestead farm and also my other Real Estate which may be discovered not to be disposed by this will.

Eightly. And as to all of the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal I order and direct the same to be sold at private sale, all debts due me to be collected and after paying all debts and the costs of administration; that the children, nine in number, to wit: Harriett Byers, Solomon Smelser, Katharine Estep, Margaret Sedgwick, James Smelser, Isham Smelser, Jacob Smelser, Minerva Hart and Tracey Smelser.

Ninethly I hereby declare that should I at any time hereafter convey the said lands or any piece of it to the person or persons to whom it is devised, such conveyance shall be taken as a satisfacture of the will to the extent of such interest as if I should make an advancement to any of the persons to whom I have bequeathed money, such advancements shall be an extinguishment of such legacy to the extent of the advancement and if I should at any (time) sell or dispose of any of the property so divided, my will is that such sale, shall not defeat (?) the interest in said devise. But that the devise shall have the proceeds of the sale unless I should declare in ____ (writing?) that such persons should have a less sum of the proceeds.

And lastly I nominate, constitute and appoint my son Solomon Smelser executor of this will with full power to do and perform all things necessary to carry out the trust under the same.

In testamony whereof I have hereunto left my hand and seal on this 26th day of May 1854 in the presence of the witnesses who saw me sign it and who witnessed the same in my presence.

/s/ Jacob Smelser

Witnessed by us in the presence of the
testator and at his request
James Perry Woodard Fulghum
D. P. Haloway

CODICIL

Whereas I Jacob Smelser of the county of Wayne and State of Indiana having made and duly executed my last will and testament in writing bearing date the 26th of May 1854. Now I, the said Jacob Smelser being desirous of altering my said will, in respect to the legacies therein bequeathed do therefore make this present writing, which I will and direct to be annexed as a codicil to my said will and taken as a part thereof.

1. I declare that the words "my saddle horse" as (s)pecified in the third clause of said will to be a mistake and is the same horse used in connection with my buggy in the fifth clause of said will.

2. I order, will and direct that that part of the third clause of my will which directs that my son Jacob Smelser shall, within two years after my decease pay to my son Isham Smelser thirty two hundred dollars shall be so changed as to read thirty hundred dollars to be paid to my said son Jacob, his heirs or assigns within two years after my decease, to my son Isham without interest.

3. I will, order and direct that the eighth clause of my said will shall be so changed as to read my children, seven in number, where it reads nine in number, to wit: Harriett Byers, Solomon Smelser, Katharine Estep, Margaret Sedgwick, James Smelser, Minerva Hart and Tracey Smelser, hereby leaving out Jacob Smelser and Isham Smelser in consideration of the land which I have given them.

I hereby ratify and confirm my said will in everything except where the same is hereby revoked, altered and divided as in this codicil set forth as aforesaid.

In witness whereof I the said Jacob Smelser have set my hand and seal to this codicil this twentieth day of July one thousand eight hundred and sixty six.

Witnessed by
Harmon B. Payne
John Yaryan

/s/ Jacob Smelser

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MARY ELIZABETH b. 1834 m. VALENTINE WOOD-----'HARRIET b. 1813 m. (1) WILLIAM HUNT
MARGARET ANN b. 1847 m. JAMES HOWES-----' (2) WILLIAM BYARS

HARRIET m. BENNETT DEPENBROCK-----'SOLOMON b. 1814 m. LUCINDA STEVENS
JACOB b. 1840 m. LOUISA FRANCES WITT
WILLIAM R. m. AMANDA ROBERTS
SARAH m. L. H. PRICE
EMELINE b. 1846
NICHOLAS SMITH b. 1848 m. SARAH SLANE
MARY ELIZABETH b. 1853 m. CHARLES P. COUGHLIN
KATE m. L. H. PRICE
MARTHA m. (1) WILLIAM BILLINGS (2) _____ UPDIKE
ALICE MINERVA b. 1865 m. JOSIAH H. BRADBURY

THERESA b. 1840-----'CATHERINE b. 1816 m. ISAAC M. ESTEB
JACOB b. 1845 m. MARTHA F. DRULEY
JAMES m. IDA _____
DAVID m. INDIA SMITH
ISHAM b. 1850 m. MARGARET STANLEY
JOHN b. 1852 m. REBECCA J. RIFE
ELIZABETH E. b. 1853 m. JOHN L. DRULEY
CATHERINE b. 1862 m. EDMUND O. BENNETT

ISHAM b. 1846 m. VIOLA J. BEESON-----'MARGARET b. 1818 m. JOHN SEDGWICK
RICHARD b. 1850 m. (1) MARCIA SUTTON (2) ADDIE
(MATTHEWS) BOWMAN
ANNIE E. b. 1854 m. JAMES I. BEESON

ELIZA KATE b. 1847-----'JAMES b. 1822 m. MARY FRANCIS HAMILTON
ALICE b. 1851
SARA LIZZIE b. 1853 m. JAMES A. STONER
CHARLES HAMILTON b. 1856 m. MARY BELLE MOREHEAD
FRANK b. 1858 m. SIRILLA ALCESTUS (ALLIE) BROWN

JOHN F. b. 1851-----'ISHAM b. 1823 m. HENRIETTA FARLOW
MARY ELIZABETH b. 1858 m. WALTER W. MC CONAHA
JACOB S. b. 1861 m. IDA MAE HILL
RICHARD E. b. 1866 m. SYLVIA ROTHERNAL

WINFIELD b. 1852 m. MARY E. BULLA-----'JACOB b. 1827 m. RACHEL HAMMOND
SOLOMON b. 1855 m. MARTHA JANE WOOD
THOMAS T. b. 1856 m. ELLA STANLEY
JAMES b. 1862

ELIZABETH m. JOHN GARVER-----'MINERVA b. 1830 m. JAMES HART
GEORGE m. HULDA HEIM
ISAAC m. MINNIE LYBROOK
MARY b. 1859 m. LEONIDA HOMER LAFUSE
CHARLES b. 1864 m. CORA MOSS
ANNA m. CHARLES JOHNSTON
JACOB b. 1870 m. EMMA BRATTAIN
HARRY C. b. 1874 m. SOPHIA SANFORD

EDWARD b. 1856-----'TRACY b. 1835 m. ZACARIAH OSBORN
FOSTER b. 1862 m. FLORA STANLEY
JACOB b. 1863
CHARLES S. m. ANNA KING
FRANK b. 1870 m. (1) MATILDA VINCENT (2) _____
HARRY b. 1870
MARY ELIZABETH b. 1877 m. DANIEL V. LASHLEY

JACOB SMELSER b. 1784 m. ELIZABETH SMITH

ELIZABETH (SMITH) and JACOB SMELSER were the parents of nine children:

- I. HARRIET SMELSER b. 1-21-1813 in Bourbon Co., Ky.; d. 12-30-1900. She m. (1) 2-24-1833 WILLIAM HUNT b. 7-13-1810; d. 3-6-1844, son of Nathan Hunt; (2) 1-6-1846 WILLIAM BYARS b. 3-27-1811; d. 1-8-1875. Harriet and William Hunt are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery.

Eliza Kate Smelser (1847-1942) related the following story about the elopement of her Aunt Harriet:

"Aunt Harriet had a beau named William Hunt, whom grandfather did not like and he forbade Harriet to see him. The lovers were unable to communicate with each other for weeks. They met at the Friends' Yearly Meeting in September, 1832, at Richmond, and planned to elope. It was agreed that he was to come for her at the first snow after her eighteenth anniversary which was February 22.

"And the next day it snowed. Harriet was ready, having carefully hidden her calico dress and two homespun dresses and other clothing in a bundle in the little house, and was waiting for the clock to strike, when her father, who was in the room next to hers, called to her and told her to put out the light. She blew out the candle and silently waited hoping he would not hear her leave. Just as she opened the side door a small fice started to bark. After some effort, she succeeded in quieting him and hurried to the gate with her bundle. Here were four horses, her lover, his sister and husband. The bride was quickly lifted to the empty side saddle and away they galloped to the home of a minister, who was expecting them.

"The next morning when father called Harriet to get breakfast, she could not be found. He traced her tracks to the gate and there found the marks of four sets of hoofs and it was perfectly clear to him what had happened. He returned to the house and announced to mother, grandmother and the rest of the family that 'Harriet was never again to set foot in this house.'

"However, she did. When the holiday season arrived and preparations were being made for the big annual feast, father had a change of heart. The day before Christmas, he told James, the baby who had ridden from Kentucky in his mother's arms, to go over and tell Harriet and her husband to come for Christmas dinner. The little boy ran all the way to his sister's home, which was about a mile away. In later years Jacob said that William was the best son-in-law he ever had."⁷⁰ This marriage is recorded at Wayne Co., Ind., Marriage License Book B, p. 207. The record indicates that they were licensed to wed on 2-23-1833, and that the ceremony was performed the same day by John Mason, a minister of the Reformed Baptist Church. William Hunt died twelve years and a day after his romantic marriage.

Elizabeth Smelser (1875-1959) elaborated on the elopement of her great aunt: "Harriet cooked breakfast for 11 people in her father's household -- without a cook stove. . .Corn dodgers, potatoes fried from the left-over boiled ones of the previous supper, honey, milk for the children, coffee for daddy and mother. . .Breakfast over and the morning chores done, the whole family with

"all their neighbors gathered at Nathan Hunt's place just south of Smithfield for the corn husking. The whole neighborhood met here in good will, in expectancy of work achieved and of a pleasant day. The morning hours passed; the pile of clean-stripped ears grew -- not a ribbon in the pile -- as the huskers vied with each other in story telling as well as in husking. The red ears were thrown aside. They brought good luck. . ." Elizabeth would recount that William Hunt was a good story teller and a happy young man. He and Harriet attended singing school at George Hunt's corner and they met at the Friends' Yearly Meeting in October, 1829, at which time they planned the elopement. She described Harriet as a capable young woman who could cook, spin, weave, sew, milk cows, plant and hoe corn. With her brothers and sisters she "experienced the autumn joys of the early colonial life. Apples were cut and dried, pumpkins were piled and cooked, nuts were gathered and hulled. Harriet attended school in Kentucky and "knew how to read and cipher."

HARRIET SMELSER and WILLIAM HUNT had one child:

- A. MARY ELIZABETH HUNT b. 4-19-1834; d. 2-10-1881. On 1-29-1852 she m. (Wayne Co. Marriage Record, Book E, p. 565) VALENTINE WOOD b. 3-18-1831; d. 3-26-1897. At first the Woods farmed in Wayne Co., four/five miles west of Boston, Ind. Later Valentine became the owner of a "good frame flouring mill built by his father, Julius."⁷¹ Mary Elizabeth Wood and her husband, Valentine, then moved to the Missinewa Valley east of Peru, Ind., where they bought a large farm. Both are buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery at Peru. Issue:
 1. JEFFERSON CLAY WOOD b. 12-23-1853; d. 10-17-1936. He m. LOUELLA PORTER on 1-18-1883. She was b. 5-1-1856. They lived in Pennsylvania. Issue:
 - a. RALPH PORTER WOOD b. 1-5-1884; d. 12-31-1930. He m. Oct., 1906 GRACE GRAVES b. April, 1877; d. 11-8-1954. No issue.
 - b. WALTER HUNT WOOD b. 9-15-1885. He m. (1) 12-7-1907 SARAH DUNN b. 9-28-1883; d. 9-26-1933 (2) 6-28-1935 JOSEPHINE S. BURKE. Add.: 4427 Kansas St., San Diego 16, Calif. Issue:
 - i. VERNA WOOD b. 1-9-1909; m. 1-31-1931 JOHN LAMOTT b. 6-25-1906. They had issue:
 - i. DAVID LAMOTT b. 7-15-1935
 - ii. JOHN LAMOTT, JR. b. 2-6-1939
 - iii. STEPHEN LAMOTT b. 9-2-1946
 - ii. WALTER DUNN (BOB) WOOD b. 10-17-1914; m. Aug., 1942 MARIAN KNIGHT b. August, 1912. He d. 6-19-1953. Issue:
 - i. GARY WOOD b. March, 1947
 - ii. JUDITH WOOD b. October, 1948
 - iii. SARAH WOOD b. July, 1951
 - iv. CAROL F. WOOD b. March, 1953
 - iii. DORIS JEAN WOOD b. 8-17-1923; m. Sept., 1943 ROBERT K. KELPE b. April, 1920. DORIS JEAN and ROBERT K. KELPE had issue:
 - i. DON E. KELPE b. October 1944
 - ii. PAUL R. KELPE b. July, 1948
 - iii. CAROLINE KELPE b. January, 1952
 - iv. SUSAN KELPE b. January, 1954
 - c. LUCY WOOD b. 9-2-1887; m. 8-10-1910 JAMES W. LOOSE b. 7-14-1886.

Address: 364 W. South Street, New Carlisle, Pa. Issue:

- i. MARY ELIZABETH LOOSE b. 3-28-1912; m. 5-16-1941 MARION HOLMES b. 12-23-1910. They had issue:
 - i. MARGARET ANN HOLMES b. 9-13-1946
- ii. JAMES WOOD LOOSE b. 9-18-1914; m. 9-13-1940 GERALDINE STORY b. 12-12-1916. Issue:
 - i. DAPHNE LOOSE b. 1-12-1941
 - ii. GERALDINE A. LOOSE b. 2-24-1945
 - iii. CHRISTA S. LOOSE b. 10-14-1947
- d. JUNE ELIZABETH WOOD b. 6-29-1893; m. 6-19-1923 HARRY K. CUTHBERTSON b. 10-13-1882. Address: 134 W. Main St., Peru, Ind. Issue:
 - i. HARRY K. CUTHBERTSON, JR. b. 5-4-1924
 - ii. ROBERT WOOD CUTHBERTSON b. 4-14-1927; d. 1-24-1929
 - iii. JOELLA CUTHBERTSON b. 6-19-1930; d. March, 1931
2. CLINTON BYERS WOOD b. 1-14-1855; d. 8-21-1932. Married 12-24-1879 to JOSEPHINE CRIDER b. 9-6-1857; d. 8-27-1948. Both are buried at Peru.
 - a. HESTER C. WOOD b. 4-25-1893; d. 1960; buried at Mt. Hope, Peru.
Miss Wood was a schoolteacher.
3. DAVID JULIUS (JULE) WOOD b. 12-1-1856; d. 2-1-1929. Buried at Chesaw, Wash. He m. 6-30-1890 MARY ALICE (MOLLY) EVANS b. 7-30-1868; d. 4-23-1907. Mrs. Wood d. of tuberculosis and was buried in Phoenix, Ariz., where they had gone for their health. The family left Peru in April of 1902 and settled at Chesaw. They had issue:
 - a. DON E. WOOD, SR. b. 3-5-1891; m. 12-16-1915 HAZEL M. MOONEY b. 7-28-1894. Address: Box 563, Croville, Wash. Mr. Wood was a farmer and carpenter, and served as Deputy Sheriff in Okanaga County.
 - i. INFANT b. and d. 11-17-1917. Buried at Chesaw, Wash.
 - ii. FLORENCE JEAN WOOD b. 11-24-1918; m. C. L. MORRIS b. 8-27-1907. Issue:
 - i. JEANNE MORRIS
 - ii. GERALD MORRIS
 - iii. CHARLENE MORRIS
 - iv. KEITH MORRIS
 - v. MYRNA LEE MORRIS
 - vi. JOSEPH W. MORRIS
 - vii. LINDA LOU MORRIS
 - viii. RICHARD MORRIS
 - ix. MICHAEL MORRIS
 - x. ROGER MORRIS
 - xi. CHERRIE MORRIS
 - iii. BENJAMIN K. WOOD b. 1-27-1921; m. 12-25-1950 CAROLYN HONEY.
 - iv. MAUDE WOOD b. 1-26-1922; m. 2-28-1947 ROY WHEELER b. 8-13-1922. Issue:
 - i. VERIL WHEELER b. 11-16-1949
 - v. ELIZABETH MAY WOOD b. 5-28-1924; m. 12-11-1942 LESTER KINGSLEY b. 12-3-1916. They had issue:
 - i. WAYNE KINGSLEY b. 2-1-1945
 - ii. SUSAN KINGSLEY b. 4-11-1946
 - iii. NANCY KINGSLEY b. 8-26-1947
 - iv. MARSHA KINGSLEY b. 5-18-1950
 - vi. HELEN J. WOOD b. 9-7-1925; m. (1) 9-28-1944 GLEN POTTER (2)

- 2-29-1952 EZRA ALLEN MAYNARD. HELEN J. (WOOD) and GLEN POTTER had issue:
- i. CAROLYN RAE POTTER b. 9-30-1945
 - ii. DANNY POTTER b. 2-21-1947
 - iii. DAVID POTTER b. 5-18-1948
- vii. DON E. WOOD, JR. b. 3-7-1927; m. 8-24-1946 MYRTLE MAY CHRISTIANSON b. 5-12-1928. Issue:
- i. LORI ANN WOOD b. 5-13-1950
- viii. DAVID JACK WOOD b. 8-1-1928; m. 6-4-1950 JERALDINE T. CUSATO b. 9-5-1931. No issue.
- ix. HAZEL MARY WOOD b. 8-28-1931; m. 8-29-1949 JAMES GRIFFIN b. 5-28-1910. Issue:
- i. KATHLEEN MARIE GRIFFIN b. 7-16-1950
 - ii. DEBRA LEE GRIFFIN b. 12-20-1952
- x. GEORGIA ANN WOOD b. 1-3-1936
- b. FLORENCE WOOD b. 8-4-1892; d. 12-26-1921. Unmarried. Cremated at Tacoma, Wash.
- c. JOSEPHINE WOOD b. 9-29-1894; d. 5-16-1931. Buried at Wenatchee, Wash. She m. ca 1916 NORMAN E. MICHEL and had issue:
- i. NORMAN PAUL MICHEL b. 1-2-1919. Unmarried.
 - ii. JACK MICHEL b. 1-18-1921. Unmarried.
 - iii. GEORGE MICHEL b. 3-3-1922. Unmarried.
- d. MARY ELIZABETH (BESS) WOOD b. 5-27-1896; m. 9-5-1918 G. ARCHIE GILLIS b. 4-29-1883. Former address: 13026 24th St., South, Seattle, Wash. Now living in San Diego, Calif.
- i. FLORENCE K. GILLIS b. 9-11-1919 at Seattle, Wash.; m. 6-7-1947 at Salt Lake City, Utah JOHN VALLOR b. 1-14-1910 at Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Vallor is a Lt. Col. in the US Army.
 - i. ELIZABETH VALLOR b. 4-13-1948 at Salt Lake City.
 - ii. JOHN VALLOR b. 7-11-1950 at Salt Lake City.
 - iii. ROBERT VALLOR b. 12-16-1953 at Ft. Lewis, Wash.
 - iv. JOE VALLOR b. in France.
 - v. GREGORY VALLOR b. 10-11-1957 at Ft. Sill, Okla.
 - vi. DANNY VALLOR b. 4-12-1959 at Ft. Sill, Okla.
 - ii. DON ALLAN GILLIS b. 10-11-1921 at Seattle; m. 12-30-1946 at Seattle LILA WATKINS b. 7-21-1924. Mr. Gillis is in construction work. Address: San Diego, Calif. Issue:
 - i. SUSAN GILLIS b. 4-23-1949 at San Francisco, Calif.
 - ii. DON ALLAN GILLIS, JR. b. 5-17-1951 at Anchorage, Alaska.
 - iii. GAIL GILLIS b. 5-20-1953.
- e. MARGARET CAROLINE WOOD b. 5-16-1903; d. 2-6-1925; buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Peru, Ind. Unmarried. She was reared by May and Omar Holman. Omar was Editor, Peru Republican.
4. JACOB SMELSER WOOD b. 12-21-1858; d. 5-6-1863. Buried at Elkhorn Cem.
5. HARRIETT (HATTIE) WOOD b. 1860; d. 1882. She m. ROBERT PARKS.
- a. LEROY PARKS deceased.
 - b. MARY PARKS deceased.
6. EMMA C. WOOD b. 1862; d. 1934. She was a school teacher; m. ED HOOPER b. 1871; d. 1939; son of Joseph and Louisa Hooper. Emma and Ed are buried at Converse Cemetery on Route 18, east of Converse, Ind.

There were no issue.

7. LIZZIE WOOD b. 7-31-1865; d. 9-21-1867. Buried at Elkhorn Cemetery.
8. GEORGE WASHINGTON WOOD b. 3-20-1867; d. 4-15-1940. He m. 6-10-1902 LUELLA JANE SIMPSON b. 3-15-1877; d. 6-16-1938. Both are buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru, Ind. Issue:
 - a. MARY WOOD b. 8-13-1903; m. 5-4-1939 THOMAS H. DENTON b. 3-18-1894. No issue. Address: 85 W. Third St., Peru, Ind.
 - b. MARTHA LLOYD WOOD b. 11-16-1911; m. 6-16-1934 THOMAS WILLIAM OGLESBY b. 1-31-1900. Issue:
 - i. THOMAS WILLIAM OGLESBY, JR. b. 9-30-1939.
 - ii. HANEN OGLESBY b. 3-18-1943.
 - c. GEORGE WASHINGTON WOOD, JR. b. 7-7-1917; d. 1-30-1933.
9. MARGARET WOOD b. 1869; d. 1927. Unmarried. Buried at Mt Hope Cem.
10. MAY WOOD b. 5-1-1872; d. 6-14-1925. She m. 10-29-1902 OMER HOLMAN b. 3-28-1872 at Peru; d. 1955. Both are buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Peru. He is the son of Joseph and Melissa (Walleck) Holman. The Holman family are identified with the fortunes and business interests of Peru and Miami Co. (Ind.) for many generations back. Joseph Holman, great-grandfather of Omer, laid out the town of Miamisport in 1829; and Joseph's son, Solomon, was the civil engineer who established the first street guide in the town of Peru.⁷² Omer Holman was editor of The Peru Republican. He remarried after his first wife's death.
 - a. ROSE ADALAIDE HOLMAN b. 8-7-1907; d. 8-10-1907. Buried at Mt. H.
 - b. They reared MARGARET CAROLINE WOOD daughter of David J. and Mary Wood.
11. KITTY WOOD b. 1873; d. 1878; buried at Mt. Hope.
12. NELLIE WOOD b. 12-23-1877; d. 9-23-1929. She m. 10-17-1907 CHARLES WORDEN b. 2-11-1872; d. 11-4-1944. Issue:
 - a. CAROLYN WORDEN b. 5-10-1914. She m. 1-1-1938 WILLIAM EUGENE TROOK b. 8-2-1915. Address: 247 H. St., Chula Vista, Calif.
 - i. VALERIE TROOK b. 12-23-1948
 - b. CHARLES WORDEN, JR. b. 4-17-1918. Unmarried.
13. FREDERICK ARTHUR WOOD b. 2-2-1881; d. 1936. He m. KATHRYN HENNESSEY. No issue.

HARRIET SMELSER and WILLIAM BYARS had one child:

- B. MARGARET ANN BYARS b. 4-2-1847 at Richmond, Ind.; d. 3-30-1921 at Richmond. She m. 12-24-1861 at Adrian, Mich. JAMES B. HOWES b. 9-13-1841 at Brighton (Monroe Co.), New York; d. 12-30-1924 at Richmond. James was a farmer. He fought in the Civil War, enlisting in Co. F. 8th Regt. of the Ind. Vol. Inf. Both Margaret and James are buried at Earlham Cem.
 1. CHARLES BYARS HOWES b. 11-29-1862 at Wayne Co., Ind.; d. 5-13-1945 at Richmond. He m. 11-10-1887 at Richmond EFFIE MAY BROOKS b. 8-10-1870 at Wayne Co.; d. 7-16-1957 at St. Petersburg, Fla. He is buried at the Earlham Cemetery. Issue:
 - a. BESSIE MAY HOWES b. 2-14-1890 at Richmond, Ind.; d. 1-21-1896 at Richmond; buried at Earlham Cemetery. Unmarried.
 - b. MARY BYARS HOWES b. 2-20-1894 at Richmond, Ind.; m. 9-29-1915 at Richmond E. WISTAR RAIFORD b. 12-28-1891 at Vvor, Va. The Raifords attended Earlham College: Mary 1911-1912 and Wistar 1911-1913. He d. Add. 6302 9th Ave. S., St. Petersburg.

- c. BENJAMIN EARL HOWES b. 7-12-1898 at Richmond, Ind.; m. 11-19-1924 at Richmond EDITH OELKLAUS b. 9-1-1900 at Richmond. Issue:
 - i. EMILY JEAN HOWES b. 1-17-1928 at Richmond; m. 11-24-1945 at Bloomington, Ind. GEORGE L. REED b. 7-9-1926 at Richmond.
 - i. JUDITH KAYNE REED b. 6-27-1946 at Richmond, Ind.
 - ii. JAMA LYNN REED b. 3-23-1950 at Richmond.
 - iii. JO ANN E. REED b. 3-27-1953 at Richmond.
 - ii. ROBERT CHARLES HOWES b. 1-18-1932 at Richmond; m. 11-27-1954 at Duquesne, Pa. SHEILA ANN NEGLEY b. 4-6-1935 at Duquesne. They had issue:
 - i. TODD ROBERT HOWES b. 8-26-1955 at Duquesne, Pa.
 - ii. MARLA LORETTA HOWES b. 5-1-1959 at Irwin, Pa.
2. MARY ELLA ALMIRA HOWES b. 8-4-1864 at Wayne Co., Ind.; d. 6-28-1912 at Richmond. She m. 7-27-1893 at Richmond WILLIAM WAUGH SPALDING b. 1-14-1857 at Hamilton, Ohio; d. 12-15-1908 at Richmond. Issue:
 - a. FLORENCE ELLA SPALDING b. 5-11-1894 at Wayne Co.; m. 11-12-1919 at Richmond, Ind. RAYMOND HENRY WICKEMEYER b. 11-8-1891 at Richmond. I am paritucularly grateful to Mrs. Wickemeyer for her help in compiling data re the Howes family. Address: Elks Club Road, Richmond, Ind. FLORENCE ELLA and RAYMOND H. WICKEMEYER had issue:
 - i. WINIFRED WICKEMEYER b. 9-2-1921 at Richmond; m. 3-25-1944 at Amarilla, Texas ELLSWORTH CLAY (RED) HENN b. 7-28-1921 at Dayton, Ohio. Mrs. Henn attended Earlham College 1939-41. She received her A.B. 1943 from Wittenberg College in Ohio (Springfield). Mr. Henn owns and operates a hardware store in Richmond. Address: 505 S. 16th St., Richmond.
 - i. KATHERYN ANN HENN b. 1-28-1947 at Richmond.
 - ii. LINDA JOAN HENN b. 9-6-1951 at Richmond.
 - iii. MICHAEL CLAY HENN b. 11-2-1957 at Richmond.
 - ii. JAMES FREDERICK WICKEMEYER b. 6-30-1924 at Richmond; m. 9-15-1951 at Shelby, Ohio MARILYN JEAN CLAES b. 10-7-1929 at Crestline, Ohio. No issue.
 - b. CHARLES HENRY SPALDING b. 9-24-1896 at Wayne Co.; m. 3-10-1923 at Davenport, Ia. MARY FRANCES BAUGHMAN b. 10-17-1904 at Versailles, Mo. They had issue:
 - i. PHYLLIS VIRGINIA SPALDING b. 1-31-1924 at Davenport, Ia.; m. 2-23-1946 at Davenport WALTER HEUER b. 1-6-1922 at Walcott, Iowa. They had issue:
 - i. CANDACE LEAH HEUER b. 5-12-1947 at Princeton, Iowa.
 - ii. LANCE MATTHEW HEUER b. 5-16-1956 at Princeton, Iowa.
 - ii. ROBERT EDWIN SPALDING b. 8-12-1926 at Davenport, Iowa; d. 12-31-1944. Sergeant Spalding was lost from a B17 bomber over the Aegean Sea. Unmarried.
 - c. LOUISE SPALDING b. 12-30-1904 in Wayne Co.; m. 2-20-1938 WILLIAM WATTS b. 2-24-1896 in Preble County, Ohio. No issue.
 - d. WILLIAM RAYMOND SPALDING b. 1-3-1902 in Wayne Co.; m. 3-10-1929 at Rock Island, Ill. MARY JOHNSON b. 3-12-1904 at Batavia, Iowa.
3. MATTIE AMELIA HOWES b. 6-23-1866 at Wayne Co.; d. 8-3-1943 at Richmond, Ind. She m. 5-15-1890 at Richmond AMOS NORMAN HOFFMAN b. 3-11-1863 at Arcanum, Ohio; d. 4-30-1957 at Richmond, Ind. Issue:
 - a. FREDERICK WILLIAM HOFFMAN b. and d. 1-30/31-1891 at Richmond, Ind.

- b. MARGARET HOFFMAN b. 12-9-1892 at Richmond. Unmarried.
- c. HAZEL MILDREN HOFFMAN b. 1-3-1894 at Richmond. Unmarried.
- d. ELIZABETH HOFFMAN b. 1-4-1897 at Richmond. Unmarried.

4. ELIZA FRANCES HOWES

5. JOHN WILLIAM HOWES

- II. SOLOMON SMELSER b. 6-19-1814 in Ky.; m. 3-8-1838 in Union Co., Ind. LUCINDA STEVENS b. 3-7-1820; d. 1-24-1895. Solomon d. 9-6-1890 and both are buried at Richland Cemetery in Union Co. (border of Wayne Co.), Ind. She was born and reared in Harrison Twp., Union Co., daughter of William Stevens. Solomon was a farmer. During the War of the Rebellion he raised mules which he sold to the government. Politically he was a Republican; religiously, a strong Universalist. He was one of the few Smelsers known to have had red hair. At the time of his death he owned about 900 acres of land. Issue:
- A. HARRIET SMELSER b. probably in Union Co.; m. BENNETT DEPENBROCK of Salem, Ill. A niece, Martha (Smelser) Driffill, remembers her uncle's telling about being a prisoner at Andersonville during the Civil War. He told about all his possessions being raken away except for a silver pencil which he had hid in his mouth. He broke his gun against a tree rather than surrender it to his captors. The soldiers couldn't wear their trousers during the daytime because they would wear out. Mr. Depenbrock was one of a group who tried to dig their way out with spoons -- they came up just inside the fence! They had emptied the spoons of dirt into water so the guards could not tell what they were doing. Subject received \$14.00 per month pension. There were no issue.
 - B. JACOB SMELSER b. 9-8-1840 in Union Co.; d. 2-6-1926. He m. LOUISA FRANCES WITT b. 2-25-1836; d. 8-1-1890. Both are buried at Richland Cemetery. Jacob was a farmer, and also served as Clerk in Union Co., Ind.
 - C. WILLIAM R. SMELSER b. ca 1842 and c. ca 1914 was a life insurance agent in Emporia, Kansas. He m. AMANDA ROBERTS. There were three sons and a daughter. Little is known about any of the issue except William.
 - 1. SON who was a druggist in California.
 - 2. SON who was a druggist in Monroe, Louisiana.
 - 3. DAUGHTER
 - 4. WILLIAM NICHOLS SMELSER, LL.B. b. 2-2-1870 at Sturgis, Mich; d. Sun. p.m., 11-1-1959 in the Newman Memorial County Hospital at Emporia. "Mr. Smelser was graduated from courses of the old Emporia Business College in 1889. For a time he worked at 50 cents a day for the Weaver Hardware store. . .and then started studying law and doing garnishment chores in the office of Atty. Thomas N. Sedgwick. He took the bar examination before Judge Charles B. Graves. . .and was admitted the same day March 26, 1891.

"A year in the law business was profitable enough for thrifty young Smelser to save \$500 and he headed for his native state of Michigan and Ann Arbor where he enrolled in the law school of the university of Michigan, completing the junior and senior courses in one year, graduating in June, 1893.

"Mr. Smelser recalls that he went to Michigan with \$500 and had only five cents remaining in his pocket, after railroad fare when he arrived in Chicago on the trip home after graduation. He saved that

"nickel until he arrived in Kansas City where near the old Union depot he got a big free lunch with a 5-cent glass of beer.

"Mr. Smelser opened a law office in 1893 in the old Emporia National Bank Building. . .and served a short tenure as police judge. He was a member of the Emporia school board when the old Maynard building was built. Mr. Smelser's reward as an old Republican came in April 1923. He was advised by U.S. Sen. Charles Curtis to go to Kansas City for an interview with James J. Davis, secretary of labor. Davis took him to Washington to be presiding judge of the court of immigration and naturalization.

"Judge Smelser remained in Washington 10 years, serving under the administrations of Presidents Harding, Coolidge, Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt - 13 days under the latter - which Mr. Smelser enjoys telling Republicans 'was God's plenty!'

"Among his prized Washington service mementos are letters from Presidents Hoover and Roosevelt, the first declining to accept Smelser's resignation as assistant to the secretary of labor and the other Roosevelt's letter accepting his resignation of March 17, 1933.

"Judge Smelser became assistant to the secretary of labor in 1927 at a salary of \$5,000 which wasn't hay in those hard money days. He served six years under Secretaries Davis and W. N. Doak.

"Part of his work in the 1920's was as a judge of the immigration court, a division of the department of labor, had to do with cases referred by congressmen called upon by constituents seeking to get relatives into the United States. Concerning Russians, Judge Smelser recalls there was no communistic or subversive issue of consequence in those days and most of the business concerning Russia was personnel of a Russian managed importing company.

"After the close of the Republican regime in Washington in 1933, Judge Smelser returned to Emporia and soon opened a law office in the Ropfogle building. . ."75 He was survived by three children, two granddaughters, three grandsons and eight great-grandchildren.

- a. MRS. HARRIS
- b. MRS. HOWARD STOUT. Address: 622 Chestnut St., Emporia, Kansas.
- c. WILLIAM N. SMELSER, JR. Address: 804 W. Eighth St., Emporia.
- D. SARAH SMELSER m. L. H. PRICE. She d. when about 30 yrs. of age.
 - a. ANNA PRICE m. _____ BENNETT.
 - b. LEE PRICE (male)
- E. EMELINE SMELSER b. 1846; d. 12-7-1856 age 10-4-12. She is buried at Richland Cemetery.
- F. NICHOLAS SMITH SMELSER b. 12-14-1848 in Union Co.; d. 6-28-1928. He m. 11-14-1872 SARAH E. SLANE b. 3-3-1851 in Alma, Ill.; d. 3-26-1928. Both are buried at Richland Cemetery. Nicholas Smelser was b. on the old Stevens homestead where his father lived for 40 years. Upon becoming of age, he went to Salem, Ill., near which place his father

had purchased land. After seven years of farming there, he returned to Indiana and purchased from his parents the farm adjoining the old Stevens place. Upon his death, he owned 160 acres of farmland, including property near Centerville. He was County Commissioner for a number of years. They had issue:

1. JOHN LYMAN SMELSER b. 1877 in Wayne Co., Ind.; d. ca 1927. He m. INDIA WITTER who lives in Richmond. Issue:
 - a. FEMALE m. _____ DEEM. She was b. 4-14-1905. Add.: Palm Beach, Calif.
2. MARTHA ALICE SMELSER b. 6-30-1875 in Illinois. She m. JAMES DRIFFILL b. 12-22-1865; d. 6-23-1956. He is buried at Crown Hill Cemetery in Centerville, Ind. I am very grateful to Mrs. Driffill for her help re her immediate family. Address: Centerville, Ind. Issue:
 - a. CLYDE DRIFFILL b. 1893. He m. (1) BALKIS PINNICK b. 5-10-1893; d. 11-24-1942; buried at Crown Hill Cemetery. He m. (2) MRS. MARY NOLAN. Address: 526 8th Street, Richmond, Ind.
 - b. MILDRED DRIFFILL b. 1899; m. MARION MILLER. Address: east of New Paris, Ohio. Issue:
 - i. JAMES W. MILLER b. 11-30-1937; m. SUSIE _____. I think he coached at New Lebanon, Ohio, High School.
 - i. JEFFREY MILLER b. 10-30-1959.
3. SOLOMON GARFIELD SMELSER, M.D. b. 8-20-1880 in Union Co., Ind.; d. 9-17-1935. He m. 11-8-1902 EVA L. STANLEY, native of Union Co. and daughter of Lewis and Anna Stanley; d. Thursday, 6-16-1960 at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. where she had resided for 14 years. She was a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lyonsville. Both are buried at Richland Cemetery. Dr. Smelser obtained his professional education at the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis and was graduated April, 1905. He began practice at Shirley, Henry Co., Ind., where he stayed until 1909, at which time he located in Richmond. On May 8, 1909, he was appointed by Governor Marshall member of the State Board of Medical Registration and Examination for a term of four years. He was a member of the Henry County Medical Society, the State Medical Assn., and the Sydenham Society of the medical college in Indianapolis. Politically he was a Republican; fraternally, member of the Masonic order with Cornelius Lodge No. 232 at Abington, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Whitewater Lodge at Richmond, and the Knights of Pythias. Dr. Smelser served in W.W.I.
- G. MARY ELIZABETH SMELSER b. 1853; d. 1929 age 76. She m. CHARLES P. COUGHLIN b. 1851; d. July, 1934 age 83. Both are buried at Richland Cemetery, Union Co., Ind. Mr. Coughlin was a farmer and stock buyer. The family resided near Liberty, Ind. Issue:
 1. SOPHIE COUGHLIN d. 12-5-1881 age 9-2-15. Buried at Richland Cem.
 2. KATE COUGHLIN b. 1874; d. 1892. Buried at Richland Cemetery.
 3. ROSCOE COUGHLIN d. ca 1955 and is buried at Richland Cemetery. He m. (1) OLIVE GREGERSON (2) SOPHIA _____. They had an adopted child.
 - a. RUSSELL COUGHLIN. Unmarried, living near Greensfork, Ind.
- H. KATE SMELSER m. L. H. PRICE (who had married her sister, SARAH). They lived in New Decatur, Ala. She m. (2) _____. Issue by first husband:
 1. CORA PRICE b. in Indiana. Red hair. Lives in Tennessee.
 2. MARY PRICE b. in Indiana. Unmarried.

3. ESTELL PRICE b. in Indiana. She m. CARDIFF OAKLEY. Live in South.
4. ALLEN PRICE who d. age 3 or 4 years.

Issue by second husband:

5. GLADYS.

- I. MARTHA SMELSER b. Decatur, Ala. (?); buried in Ala. (?) She m. (1) WILLIAM BILLINGS (2) UPDIKE. Issue:

1. JESSE (JESSIE?) BILLINGS deceased.
2. SOLOMON BILLINGS
3. PEARL BILLINGS
4. ROY BILLINGS

- J. ALICE MINERVA SMELSER b. 9-7-1865 probably in Union Co.; d. 3-6-1942. She m. 11-3-1883 in Union Co. (Book F, p. 147) JOSIAH H. BRADBURY of Abington, Ind., b. 12-2-1860; d. 6-1-1930. Both are buried at Elkhorn. Josiah (Joe) was the son of Benjamin Frank and Mariah J. (Colvin) Bradbury. ALICE MINERVA (SMELSER) and JOSIAH H. BRADBURY had issue:

1. ETHEL BRADBURY b. 1-14-1887; m. 11-20-1905 (Union Co. Marriage Book G, p. 194) HOMER HEINBAUGH b. 2-9-1882. Address: Rte 3, Richmond.
 - a. HERBERT T. HEINBAUGH b. 11-10-1906 at Liberty, Ind. He m. (1) 4-3-1926 (Wayne Co. Book 27, p. 214) THELMA DAUB b. 5-31-1906 at Richmond, daughter of Harry and Mary (Gard) Daub (2) 5-16-1936 MARGARET OLEYNIK of Cleveland, Ohio b. 5-10-1908. Issue (1st m)
 - i. BOBBY GENE HEINBAUGH b. 5-2-1927; d. 7-6-1928.

Issue by second marriage:

- ii. EUGENE HEINBAUGH b. 11-20-1939.
- iii. SANDRA HEINBAUGH b. 7-16-1943.

- b. MARY ALICE HEINBAUGH b. 9-8-1912 at Middleboro, Ind. She m. 12-24-1931 at Wayne Co. (Book 42, p. 228) JOSEPH ("BLAINE") MC NAMARA b. 9-2-1906 at Greeneville, Tenn. Issue:

- i. JOAN MC NAMARA b. 6-21-1932; d. 6-21-1932.
- ii. MARY LOU MC NAMARA b. 1-4-1935. She m. 12-24-1953 KEITH R. LEONARD. Issue:

- i. DENICE FAY LEONARD b. 11-7-1954.
- iii. JOYCE ELAINE MC NAMARA b. 5-29-1937.
- iv. DUANE MC NAMARA b. 6-13-1941.
- v. DEBORRAH KAY MC NAMARA b. 8-24-1953.

- c. EUGENE HEINBAUGH b. 10-19-1922. He m. (1) 8-31-1951 DOROTHY MC CONKEY b. 3-12-1931; divorced 7-17-1953. He m. (2) 9-5-1953 in Wayne Co. (Book 203, p. 233) PHYLLIS JEAN MARTIN b. 7-6-1927 in Richmond. Issue by second marriage:

- i. TAWNYA LYNN HEINBAUGH b. 9-21-1954.

- d. CHARLES HEINBAUGH b. 3-19-1925; d. 3-9-1926.

2. MAYME BRADBURY b. 1-4-1894 in Union Co.; m. 12-8-1915 in Union Co. (Book 1, p. 507) HERBERT LAFUSE b. 9-1-1890 in Union Co., son of Danford and Myrtle (Kitchell) Lafuse. Add.: RR 4, Liberty, Ind.
 - a. ALICE LAFUSE b. 11-16-1916; m. 10-30-1938 HAROLD COFFMAN b. 8-13-1915. Issue:

- i. PHILLIP DEAN COFFMAN b. 10-8-1939.
- ii. KENNETH H. COFFMAN b. 7-7-1946.

- b. HERSCHEL LAFUSE b. 10-3-1921; m. 4-18-1943 GLADY JUNE VANAUSDAUL b. 4-5-1925. Address: Route 3, Liberty, Ind. Issue:

- i. JOE TOBY LAFUSE b. 8-8-1952.

- c. KEITH LAFUSE b. 5-22-1927; m. 8-25-1945 MARY BETH THOMAS b. 11-13-1928. Issue:
 - i. MICHAEL ELLIS LAFUSE b. 6-2-1948.
 - ii. MARSHA SUE LAFUSE b. 8-23-1951.
- d. ROSEMARIE LAFUSE b. 12-16-1935; m. _____ BROWN. Address: Lynn, Indiana.
- 3. FRANK S. BRADBURY b. 4-10-1897. He m. 4-17-1916 at Wayne Co. (Book 11, p. 13) PEARL DILS b. 10-15-1897. Address: 803½ North 10th St., Richmond, Ind. Issue:
 - a. CHARLOTTE BRADBURY b. 10-18-1916 at Union Co.; m. (1) 7-27-1936 CLIFFORD COFFIN (Wayne Co. Book 74, p. 200); divorced (2) 6-13-1945 BYRON FORD b. 2-24-1922. Issue by first marriage:
 - i. JIMMIE LEE COFFIN b. 7-31-1937.
 Issue by second marriage:
 - ii. JOHN FORD b. 2-26-1946.
 - b. MARJORIE BRADBURY b. 7-13-1919; m. (1) 12-25-1943 at Wayne Co. (Book 74, p. 200) PAUL VORNAUF b. 8-10-1918; divorced (2) 2-13-1954 JOHN W. BENGE b. 5-5-1920 at Garret Co., Ky. 1st marriage:
 - i. SHARON ANN VORNAUF b. 9-27-1944.
 - ii. DICKIE EARL VORNAUF b. 4-26-1951.
 - c. FRANKLIN BRADBURY b. 3-11-1922; m. 6-29-1945 at Wayne Co. (Book 117, p. 161) FRANCES LOSCHAVIO b. 2-26-1926. Issue:
 - i. DAVID ALLEN BRADBURY b. 12-7-1946; d. 12-17-1946.
 - ii. MARY CHRISTINE BRADBURY b. 9-9-1948.
 - iii. PAMELA JEAN BRADBURY b. 10-2-1952.
 - iv. DENISSE BRADBURY b. 2-6-1954.
 - d. RUTH BRADBURY b. 8-10-1927; m. 10-26-1947 JACK MC BRIDE b. 2-10-1925. Issue:
 - i. TOMMY JOE MC BRIDE b. 4-28-1948.
 - e. HOWARD BRADBURY b. 8-14-1925; d. 11-20-1948 of bulbar polio. He is buried at the Boston Cemetery, Boston, Ind. He m. 3-5-1943 at Wayne Co. (Book 113, p. 92) BETTY DAVIDSON b. 12-25-1927. Mr. Bradbury was in the U.S. Navy during W.W.II. Issue:
 - i. JACKIE EARL BRADBURY b. 8-31-1944.
 - ii. LARRY GENE BRADBURY b. 2-26-1948 (twin)
 - iii. JERRY LEE BRADBURY (twin) b. 2-26-1948.

- III. CATHERINE SMELSER b. 11-16-1816 in Ky.; d. 2-8-1887 in Boston Twp., Wayne Co., Ind. She and her husband are buried at Elkhorn Cemetery. She m. 1-25-1838 ISAAC M. ESTEB b. 1814 in Wayne Co.; d. 11-14-1867. He is the son of Isaac and Ruth (Moore) Esteb, natives of N.C., who were among the early settlers of Wayne Co., Ind. Subject's father was a wagon maker whose business was operated from his home. At the time of his death (age 52-11-14) he was one of the wealthiest farmers of the township. In 1819 he was Justice of Peace for Boston Twp. In 1806 a Baptist Church was formed, familiarly known as the "Elkhorn Church." It was the earliest church organized in the county, and Isaac, Sr. and wife were among its first members.
- A. THERESA ESTEB b. 4-26-1840; d. 9-7-1858 age 18-4-11. Buried at Elkhorn.
 - B. JACOB (JAKE) ESTEB (twin?) b. 10-1-1845; d. 11-3-1912. He m. 11-18-1873 in Wayne Co. (Book K, p. 508) MARTHA (MATTIE) F. DRULEY b. 1-28-1855; d. 3-9-1897. Both are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. Issue:
 - 1. ANNA ALSIE ESTEB b. 1-1-1877; d. 3-13-1880. Buried at Elkhorn Cem.

They reared:

2. BESSIE MAY BLACK who m. FRANK WEISSGERBER.

- C. JAMES ESTEB (twin?) d. in Colorado and is buried in Denver. He m. IDA _____ of Boston, Massachusetts. No issue.
- D. DAVID ESTEB m. INDIA SMITH 9-29-1881. No issue. The following obituary appeared in the Richmond Palladium-Item, June 25, 1940: "Mrs. India Esteb, 83 years old, whose gift of \$100,000 made possible the building of the Smith-Esteb Memorial Tuberculosis hospital south of the city, died at 12:10 Tuesday at the Richmond-Leland Hotel where she had lived for several years. She had been in failing health for some time.

"Mrs. Esteb presented the county with the hospital in memory of her parents, George H. and Clarissa Smith and her husband David M. Esteb. A nurses home, completed this spring, was made possible by an additional gift of \$25,000 by Mrs. Esteb.

"The 200-acre farm, on which the hospital was built, formerly was the home of Mrs. Esteb's parents, was given to the county a number of years ago by Mrs. Esteb and her husband with the understanding that the county should eventually use the land as a site for a tuberculosis hospital.

"Construction of the hospital was begun the latter part of 1933 and it was dedicated and opened for patients on October 7, 1934. Mr. and Mrs. Esteb had been interested in obtaining for Wayne County a tuberculosis hospital for many years prior to Mr. Esteb's death and after that time interest in fighting the disease from which two of Mrs. Esteb's sisters had died was continued by Mrs. Esteb until it culminated in the present modern hospital and home for nurses.

"She was a member of the Richmond Woman's Club. . ." Columns on front of this beautiful County Home (no longer used for TB) were hauled from Cincinnati in 1863 in a wagon drawn by six horses. The TB hospital was closed in 1958 and is currently used for other purposes.

- E. ISHAM ESTEB b. 1850; d. 1887. He m. MARGARET STANLEY b. 1857; d. 1935. Both are buried at Elkhorn Cemetery. She m. (2?) _____ DEAL.
- F. JOHN ESTEB b. 1852; d. 9-27-1874 age 28-11-28. He m. REBECCA J. RIFE on 3-11-1873; she d. 9-27-1874 age 29-3-29. Both are at Elkhorn Cem.
- G. ELIZABETH E. ESTEB b. 4-14-1853; d. 4-3-1927. She m. 10-15-1873 at Wayne Co., Ind. JOHN L. DRULEY b. 4-22-1849 in Boston Twp., Wayne Co.; d. 1-12-1923; son of Levi F. and Agnes (Sedgwick) Druley. Both are buried at Elkhorn Cemetery. Elizabeth (Esteb) Druley attended Earlham C. 1868-1870. "Mr. Druley worked on his father's farm until he was 23 years of age when he purchased a farm in Boston Twp. where he resided until 1878 and then purchased another. On his last farm, he removed much undergrowth and timber and increased productiveness of the soil by processes of fertilizing. He then became interested in breeding and raising of live stock."⁷⁴ ELIZABETH (ESTEB) and JOHN DRULEY'S issue:
1. EDNA E. DRULEY b. 9-9-1874; d. 3-17-1897. She m. 2-12-1893 in Wayne Co. (Book Q, p. 432) WILLIAM S. MILLER b. 4-12-1869; d. 6-12-1933. He was a farmer and son of John and Cynthia Ann (Sheffer) Miller. Mr. Miller m. (2) Bertha Parks 9-6-1900. Mrs. Edna Druley

- Miller is buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. She had no issue.
2. MAUDE D. DRULEY b. 5-6-1876; d. 8-28-1923 at Wayne Co. She d. of typhoid fever, and is buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. She m. 4-19-1896 in Wayne Co. (Book R, p. 378) ROSCOE L. STANFORD b. 3-13-1871 in Union Co., son of Atty. Leland and Elizabeth J. (Beck) Stanford.
 - a. EDNA STANFORD b. 5-11-1900; m. 9-12-1923 REID W. JORDAN b. 8-12-1897. Mrs. Jordan received her A.B. from Earlham College in 1925. Mr. Jordan attended Earlham and Wittenberg College 1917-1920. There are no issue. Mrs. Jordan has been very helpful in this research and I am grateful to her. Address: Boston, Ind.
 - b. INDIA STANFORD b. 1-25-1903; m. 1956 CALVIN HOOVER b. 1900; d. 1958. Mrs. Hoover received her M.A. from Columbia University in 1941 and B.A. from Earlham College in 1925. She also attended Colorado University. Address: 4133 Marlton Ave., Los Angeles.
 - c. DOROTHY MAIE STANFORD b. 4-25-1915; m. 8-4-1938 RICHARD H. HOWARD, D.D.S. Mrs. Howard received her A.B. from Indiana University (Fine Arts) in 1937. Mr. Howard received his D.D.S. from Indiana University. Address: Indianapolis, Ind. Issue:
 - i. SARAH ANN HOWARD b. 5-10-1942.
 - ii. DIANA SUE HOWARD b. 10-29-1944.
 3. ANNA REBECCA DRULEY b. 9-15-1880; d. 2-25-1944 as a result of burns. She m. 10-8-1899 CHARLES EDMUND PARKER b. 7-28-1879; d. November, 1959 in Charleston, Mo. Mr. Parker m. (2) Bessie Beck. ANNA R. (DRULEY) and CHARLES EDMUND PARKER had issue:
 - a. DRULEY PARKER b. 10-4-1900; m. 8-19-1922 THELMA MARCUM b. 5-30-1901. Mr. Parker received his M.A. from Indiana University in 1929. Mrs. Parker received her B.S. from Indiana University in 1929. She also attended Franklin College. No issue. Address: Elizaville Road, R.R. 5, Lebanon, Indiana.
 - b. DORIS LUCILLE PARKER b. 7-7-1907 at Boston, Ind.; m. 8-7-1929 JOHN HARRISON BUTTON b. 6-6-1906 at Brownsburg, Hendricks Co., Ind. Mrs. Button attended Indiana University and Franklin College. Mr. Button attended Purdue University and is associated with the Button Auto Sales. Address: Kokomo, Indiana. Issue:
 - i. DON PARKER BUTTON, LL.B. b. 7-15-1931 at Noblesville, Hamilton Co., Ind.; m. 6-30-1956 ANN KAEGI b. 1-23-1934 in Howard Co., Ind. Mr. Button received his LL.B. at Indiana University and his M.B. at the University of Michigan. He was 1st Lt. in the Air Force, W.W.II. Mrs. Button was graduated from Indiana University in 1956. Add. Kokomo, Indiana.
 - ii. JOHN DRULEY BUTTON b. 5-14-1939 at Kokomo, Howard Co., Ind. He is attending Indiana University where he is studying to be a doctor.
 4. KATHERINE AGNES DRULEY b. 1-14-1883 at Wayne Co.; d. 11-17-1951; cremated. She m. 10-19-1905 in Wayne Co. (Book V, p. 306) EARL RAYMOND DAVENPORT b. 12-16-1884 in Wayne Co. He is a farmer and stock raiser. Issue:
 - a. MARJORY DAVENPORT b. 10-17-1906; m. PAUL ALTHOFF. Mrs. Althoff is a Christian Science practitioner and received her A.B. from Earlham College in 1929. No issue. Address: 4617 Silverwood

Drive, Dayton, Ohio.

- b. MARY ELIZABETH DAVENPORT b. 12-14-1919; m. 5-1-1949 at Wayne Co. (Book 147, p. 257) RUSSELL T. MIERS b. 8-10-1920, son of George and Ida (Jones) Miers. Mrs. Miers attended Earlham College 1937-38. No issue. Address: 3218 Johnstown Rd., Gahanna, O.

H. CATHERINE ESTEB b. 1862; d. 1941. She m. 7-13-1882 EDMUND O. BENNETT b. 6-21-1861; d. 1954. Both are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. Issue:

1. ANNA BENNETT b. 8-3-1883.
2. JOHN E. BENNETT b. 1-29-1885.
3. JESSE M. BENNETT b. 6-25-1886; d. ca age 2. Buried at Elkhorn Cem.
4. MARY BENNETT b. 9-14-1888.

IV. MARGARET SMELSER b. 11-1-1818 in Bourbon Co., Ky.; d. 12-22-1890. She m. 1-29-1843 in Wayne Co., Ind. (Book D, p. 161) JOHN SEDGWICK b. 8-18-1819 on the old homestead two miles south of Boston in Union Co.; d. 1912. He is the son of Richard and Sarah (Hunt) Sedgwick; his father being a native of England (b. 1764) and his mother a native of N.C. Richard Sedgwick was in the War of 1812. He came to America in 1794 and located in Dearborn (now Union Co., Ind.), clearing up a farm a mile and a half from Boston, but d. at his son-in-law's in Ohio in 1849. His wife d. 1844. John Sedgwick was a farmer, owning 150 acres in Boston Twp. and 230 acres in Randolph Co. He retired from farm life in 1881, at which time he moved to Richmond. He was totally blind and was very fond of music, according to a memorial. He had an ingenious mind and invented a wire stretcher. "The manufacture of wire fence was begun by the Sedgwick brothers (sons of John) in 1879. August 5 of that year Isham Sedgwick secured a patent on a loom for weaving wire into double-twist net work. The loom is a most ingenious labor-saving device and with its aid the fence can be made cheaply and rapidly. . . They have improved their machines to twenty-five times the capacity of hand labor." (foregoing from a Wayne Co. history) Margaret (Smelser) and her husband John are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. They were members of the Universalist Church. MARGARET (SMELSER) and JOHN SEDGWICK had issue:

A. ISHAM SEDGWICK b. 3-12-1846 six miles south of Richmond; d. 1931. He m. 9-22-1870 VIOLA JOSEPHINE BEESON b. 1851; d. 1917. She attended Earlham College 1866-68. Mr. Sedgwick received his B.S. in 1868 and M.S. 1880 from Earlham College. "He invented a machine for manufacturing woven wire fence. He continued in this business for 18 years and at the end of that time, sold both the plant and patent. Mr. Sedgwick became interested in operating coffee plantations in Nicaragua, Central America. During three succeeding years, he organized four companies, namely: Indiana Coffee Co., org. 1894; Jumquica Coffee Co.; Esmeralda Coffee Co.; Jilqueros Coffee Co. In 1897, he turned his attention to the invention of a horseless motor wagon. Patent for his device was allowed at Washington, Sept. 21, 1898. Later he invented a multiple wind engine. He was one of the original stockholders in the American Tin Plate Company at Elwood, Indiana, and in the Richmond Natural Gas Company."⁷⁵ Isham and Viola Sedgwick are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. Issue:

1. ANNA ALICE SEDGWICK m. 5-14-1901 in Wayne Co. (Book T, p. 87) WILLIAM THOMAS HEARN d. (?) 1935. He was a railroad man. Subject attended Earlham College 1889-91 and 1893-94. There were no issue. They lived in Terre Haute, Indiana.
2. BERTHA LANOVA SEDGWICK m. CHARLES MANNING, son of William and Sarah

Jane (Hunt) Manning. Subject was head nurse of the Maryland General Hospital at Baltimore before moving to California. Issue:

- a. FEMALE
- b. FEMALE
- c. MALE

- B. RICHARD SEDGWICK b. 5-18-1850; d. 1926. He m. (1) 10-5-1885 in Richmond (or Va.?) MARCIA SUTTON b. 12-28-1860 in Illinois; d. 9-23-1916. (2) 10-14-1918 at Wayne Co. (Book 14, p. 169) ADDIE (MATHEWS) BOWMAN b. 11-28-1864; d. ____ and is buried at Hagerstown, Md. Richard and Marcia are buried at Earlham Cemetery. Marcia attended Earlham College 1877-78. She was an artist. RICHARD and MARCIA (SUTTON) SEDGWICK had issue:
1. DEBORAH WHITE SEDGWICK b. 1-28-1888 at Richmond, Ind. She m. (1) 10-26-1910 at Wayne Co. (Book 3, p. 446) HENRY CREW PATTON b. 3-11-1885 at Danville, Va., son of Julius and Mary H. (Crew) Patton. He d. 5-10-1942 at Danville. He was a banker. She m. (2) ROBERT WITHERS WILLIAMS b. 5-11-1893 at Lynchburg, Va.; d. 1956 age 83, son of Henry Sinclair and Sue Dabney (Withers) Williams. He was graduated from the Virginia Military Institute and was Vice President of the Stephen-Putney Shoe Company; a member of the Sons of the American Revolution; and a member of St. Stephen's Church. Mrs. Williams was a columnist and edited "Welcome Hinges" by J. B. Robb. She lives at 5411 Carey Street Road, Richmond, Va. Issue by first marriage:
 - a. MARCIA PATTON b. 12-19-1911 at Danville, Va.; m. ELLIS RIDGEWAY. Address: 420 Riverview Road, Swarthmore, Pa.
 - b. ANN PATTON b. 3-11-1913 at Danville, Va.; m. HUGH ROSE. Address: 763 Percy Street, Greensboro, N.C.
 - c. HENRY PATTON, JR. b. 2-3-1917 at Danville, Va.; m. MARY LANGE; divorced.
 2. ANNA "MARGARET" SEDGWICK b. 7-6-1889 at Richmond, Ind.; m. 1-29-1914 at Wayne Co. (Book 10, p. 10) ROY STRICKLER b. 12-28-1886 at Lancaster, Ohio (Fairfield Co.). Anna (Sedgwick) Strickler attended Wilson College 1908-09 and Earlham College where she received her A.B. in 1911. Address: 324 E. Fifth Avenue, Lancaster, Ohio. Issue:
 - a. MARCIA ANN STRICKLER b. 8-3-1918; m. 5-9-1941 GLENWAY WILLIAM MAXIM, JR. b. 4-28-1920. No issue. Address: 901 Runnymede Road, Dayton, Ohio.
 - b. EMILY ELIZABETH STRICKLER b. 9-18-1920; m. 6-19-1948 RICHARD HENRY MALONE b. 11-17-1915. Address: 1103 Isabelle Road, Connelville, Pennsylvania. Issue:
 - i. MARCIA ANN MALONE b. 3-23-1950.
 - ii. EMILY ELIZABETH MALONE b. 8-6-1951.
 3. JOHN RICHARD SEDGWICK, JR. b. 7-12-1892 at Richmond, Ind.; m. 6-24-1918 HELEN COURTRITE b. 12-17-1891. Subject was business manager of a large doctors' hospital in Honolulu. He attended Earlham College 1911-12. Address: 1360 North Lake Shore Drive, Apt. 1413, Chicago.
 - a. JOHN RICHARD SEDGWICK III, M.D. b. 8-30-1919; m. 1-6-1945 BETTY LOU BALDWIN b. 7-29-1924. Dr. Sedgwick practices in Honolulu.
 - i. PAUL RICHARD SEDGWICK b. 11-26-1945.
 - ii. LINDA LOUISE SEDGWICK b. 3-11-1948.
 - iii. SUSAN ELIZABETH SEDGWICK b. 12-16-1952.
 - b. THEODORE SEDGWICK b. 9-24-1921; m. 1-26-1951 JEANNETTE MENDES b.

- 10-11-1920. Address: Honolulu. Issue:
- i. SANDRA JANE SEDGWICK b. 8-15-1953.
- c. JANE SEDGWICK b. 11-10-1930; m. 12-21-1950 DAVID NEFF DAVENPORT b. 9-27-1925. Jane (Sedgwick) Davenport attended Earlham College 1949-51. David Davenport was graduated from Indiana University. He is the son of Myron and Helen (Neff) Davenport. David is the choral director at Shield's High School in Seymour, Ind., and wrote the music for "Little David", published in 1953 by the Southern Music Co., San Antonio, Texas. Issue:
- i. MARCIA HELEN DAVENPORT d. April, 1953.
 - ii. FEMALE b. 10-6-1955.
4. THEODORE SEDGWICK b. 12-15-1899 at Richmond; m. 12-24-1923 at Winchester, Ind. DOROTHY LEE b. 8-24-1902, daughter of John and Martha (Howell) Lee and granddaughter of George and Livina (Pickering) Howell, all from Modoc, Ind. area. Theodore Sedgwick received his B.S. in Agriculture from Purdue University 1922. He has been a shop teacher at Hagerstown (Ind.) High School since 1926. He is also a part-time farmer. Mr. Sedgwick was a private in W.W.I. He has been a Scoutmaster for over 30 years and received the Boy Scout Silver Beaver Award 1940. In 1957 he was cited the "Indiana Best Teacher 1957". He is a member of Lions, is an honorary member of Rotary, and a Deacon at Congregational Church. His maternal grandparents are Deborah (White) b. Milton, Md.; d. 1888 and David Sutton b. 4-26-1827 at Union Springs, N.Y.; m. 1859; d. 3-12-1902. Deborah White's parents are Margrat (Moore) and Aaron White. David Sutton is the son of Sarah (Underhill) and Isaac Sutton. Add.: Hagerstown, Ind. Issue:
- a. RICHARD SEDGWICK b. 6-1-1931 at Farmland, Ind.; address Ft. Wayne.
 - b. JAMES IRVIN SEDGWICK b. 6-1-1931 at Hagerstown; m. 10-18-1957 MARILYN THOMPSON of St. Louis. James was graduated from Earlham College 1953. Address: Indianapolis, Ind. Issue:
 - i. GREGG JAMES SEDGWICK b. 10-5-1958.
 - c. MARTHA JANE SEDGWICK b. 7-16-1934 at Hagerstown; m. 6-18-1955 JAMES MECK. Mrs. Meck was graduated from University of Oklahoma in 1956; Mr. Meck was graduated from Indiana U. Add.: Kokomo.
 - d. JOHN ROBERT SEDGWICK b. 9-11-1940 at Hagerstown, Ind.
- C. ANNIE E. SEDGWICK b. 6-10-1854; d. 3-4-1935. She m. 12-4-1884 at Wayne Co. (Book O, p. 225) JAMES I. BEESON b. 2-26-1852; d. 3-9-1916. Both are buried at Elkhorn Cemetery. James is the son of Isaac and Mary Elizabeth (Hunt) Beeson. They adopted two children:
1. ALSIE BEESON b. 2-27-1888; m. 10-4-1911 THEODORE CROWDER b. 10-2-1874. I am grateful to Mrs. Crowder for her help in this research. Address: Richmond, Ind., 609 S.W. A Street.
 2. THOMAS BEESON b. 4-30-1907, son of Thomas Beeson.
- V. JAMES SMELSER b. 8-1-1822 in Bourbon Co., Ky.; d. 7-17-1893. He m. 9-17-1846 MARY FRANCIS HAMILTON b. 12-21-1828; d. 8-10-1911. Both are buried at Springlawn Cemetery, New Paris, O. She was b. at Westerville (Preble Co.), O. He was a liberal (did not affiliate with any religious group) and a humanitarian. He did not use tobacco and bitterly opposed use of same as well as intoxicating beverages. His children described him as a generous and hospitable man who encouraged by every means in his power the advancement of all good works. He was a teacher, farmer and writer, contributing such articles as "War or

Peace" and "Riches or Poverty" to the Independent. James Smelser bought a property from Judge Fleming in 1853. Judge Peter Fleming was the son-in-law of David Wasson who settled in East Fork 1807. Nathaniel McCoy Wasson built a cabin in 1809 on the homestead of the East Fork and Joseph Wasson also settled there. During the prevalence of malignant fever, at an early period of the East Fork settlement, many men died from it, including David and John Wasson. This James Smelser farm is located on the old National Road (U.S. 40) near the Ohio-Indiana state line, four miles east of Richmond. The beautiful home (called "Mount Airy" during the owner's lifetime) has been artistically remodelled by the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. David Duning. The address for "Meadow Crest" (present name) is 415 W. Eaton Pike, Richmond, Ind. The main wing of the house was built from bricks made in the vicinity. The farm has changed ownership several times since James' death; the present owners purchased the acreage in 1949 from George Hiatt. Reporters from the Indianapolis Star have requested to feature the home and will probably do so at some future date. All of James' children frequented Cedar Springs during their youth.

Cedar Springs was a famous summer resort for invalids and was located in New Paris, O. (6 miles east of Richmond) which was noted for its mineral springs. Even through the early 1900's young people (and often they were students at Earlham C.) "went courting" at the Springs. JAMES and MARY FRANCIS had issue:

- A. ELIZA CATHERINE (KATE) SMELSER b. 12-6-1847 on the farm south of Richmond near Wayne-Union Co. line; d. unm. 10-1-1942 and is buried at Springlawn. "Aunt Kate" received her B.S. from Earlham College in 1868. I have in my possession (gift of Chelsea A. Pollock) many original copies of essays that subject wrote, some of which were written during the Civil War while attending Earlham. Kate Smelser was a rugged individualist and a deep thinker; titles of many of her works suggest her depth: "The Ruins of Time", "Where and What Shall We Carve?", "The Ocean Cemetery." She said of herself: "I don't believe in 'falling in line' with anything and anyone unless I think it's right. All through my life I've had many important decisions to make on 'what I want to do' and 'what was right.' I have always chosen the latter. Perhaps that is why I lived so long and enjoyed life so fully." She was 92 then. "I've never paid a doctor bill in my life and hope I never will." She never consulted a physician in 92 years. "Oh, of course, I've had days when I did not feel so well, but I have my own remedies for my ailments. While teaching, I didn't miss a day, not even an hour because of sickness and I had to walk from a mile to two miles a day during those 20 years." A newspaper article which also contained a photograph of subject ran in the 1-8-1935 edition of the Richmond Item and describes Miss Smelser well: "Miss Kate Smelser, 88, a resident of Richmond, and former school teacher, shares with a Philadelphia woman the honor of being the eldest woman graduate of Earlham college, a Quaker institution here. She is a native of Wayne co. Her father came to this section of the country from Kentucky in 1823. She doesn't drink coffee and doesn't eat a pound of meat a year, but she would not advise anyone else to follow the same policy in the hope of attaining a ripe old age. Her hair is white, but formerly was red. 'I had to go back 150 years to get my red hair,' she said, and then explained that so far as she could learn her great-grandmother was the only ancestor whose hair was of this color." She was considered a brilliant woman in her prime. During a talk on "Pioneer Days" (given before the West Side Neighborly Club in Richmond

when she was 92 years old), she said that her father "sold hides to obtain money for the purchase of furniture when he established his home here and that a rolling pin had to be made for none was available." She recalled "when the first railroad train passed through the city" and said that her father "hauled stock to Cincinnati and used a part of the money for the purchase of a cradle" for her.

- B. ALICE SMELSER b. 11-28-1851; d. 11-5-1856. Buried at Springlawn Cemetery.
- C. SARA LIZZIE SMELSER b. 11-26-1853 in Union Co., Ind. d. 4-1-1937 age 83-4-5 at Prospect, Ohio. She m. at the home of her parents in Wayne Co., Ind. 9-24-1878 JAMES A STONER b. 4-21-1849 in Miami Co., Ind.; d. 12-7-1913 at Eaton, O. Both are buried at Springlawn Cemetery. James Stoner is the son of Rudolph and Mary Ann Stoner; is of Swiss ancestry, his father having emigrated from Switzerland to America at the age of 12. James was b. in a log cabin whose timbers were hewn by his father's hands and cut from the trees of a dense forest in Miami Co. The one-room cabin had a puncheon floor. The door had wooden hinges and a wooden catch. In a life-sketch written by his wife: "It was always with pride that he referred to the humble place of his birth; drawing memory-sketches of his mother as she baked upon the hearth, or cooked from the crane. The log-rollings were never-to-be-forgotten scenes, as were the evenings when he read by the oil-lamp placed between the logs of the wall near the great fire-place. As he grew to boyhood there developed an eagerness for books. Books and newspapers were not easy to obtain in those days and often he would walk miles to borrow a book from some friend of his parents. His 'hunger and thirst for good literature' grew with the passing years. In his library are to be found a number of rare old books, some dating back 300 years. He was an authentic historian of early Universalism in the Middle West. At the age of 15 years he entered the Public Schools of Peru, Ind., self-boarding, at the cost of \$1.00 per week, making in his father's shop the table from which he ate his meals." (The above excerpt is from an article appearing in the wonderful Journal of Sara L. Smelser owned by a granddaughter, Mrs. Robert Krathwohl of Rochester, Ind.) James Stoner attended the Indiana State Normal School of Terre Haute, Smithsonian College (now defunct) at Logansport, Ind., and Buchtel College (now Akron University) in Akron, O. He was a farmer, school teacher, scholar, and a minister. He was in newspaper work for almost 25 years, being connected with the staff of The Peru Republican and one time editor and publisher of a religious newspaper, The Key to Truth. He received \$2.00 per week (later on \$2.50 per day) from the Peru paper. He was ordained in the Universalist Ministry at Junction City, Kansas in 1889. He held pastorates at Seneca, Kans; Springfield, Milford, Newton, Mt. Carmel, New Madison, New Paris, Palestine and Olive Branch in Ohio; and Pendleton and Oakland-on in Indiana. He was a member of the Ordination and Fellowship Committee of Universalists and a Mason, Knight Templar. He passed away on a Sunday night at 8:15 p.m. at the parsonage on North Cherry St. in Eaton, Ohio, after a brief illness and from complications arising from injuries sustained in a fall down the basement steps of the parsonage. The body was taken by special traction car to New Paris.

Sara Lizzie Smelser recalled her childhood of going to Spelling Schools in big sleds, playing croquet, dancing in the barn, ice cream parties, making

apple butter, attending Lyceum, Mite Society, "knotting" and quilting comforters, sewing carpet bags, and taking the pledge at Murphy Meeting. She attended Smithson College and was graduated from Buchtel 7-8-1874 in the Scientific Course (diploma in possession of granddaughter, Mrs. Sterling Rettører of Prospect, O.). She received the Honorary Degree of Master of Science two years later. In 1929 she was awarded a Fifty Year Honorary Degree from Municipal University (which was finally called Akron U.).

"She and Miss Anna Fleming were devoted friends, graduating in the same class and Miss Smelser delighted to tell how they graduated in calico. . . white print with a tiny brown flower, and how, after the exercises, the President of the Board of Trustees, John R. Buchtel, came with tears in his eyes and slipped \$25.00 into their hands in appreciation of independence shown in college, and wished them well." Mrs. Stoner wrote about herself: "The freedom of thought developed in these early days was characteristic in later life. A marked individuality showed itself even in girlhood. . . held no opinion to which I could not apply the 'white light of reason'. . . Hands, head and heart were ever busy. . . was not one of those women who could do only one thing. . . could do baking and at the same time be planning a newspaper article, or could work all day at household duties, and engage in a public debate at the neighboring schoolhouse in the evening." She was an active worker in the Crusade Movement, and was always an avowed prohibitionist. She was President Seneca (Kans.) W. C.T.U., Pres. Ohio W.C.T.U., leader and organizer of the the Y.P.C.U., lecturer, talented writer, and a constant advocate of Equal Suffrage. She taught school many places, including Sycamore Valley, Dublin High and Westville. In her diary, 5-1-1874: "I contracted to teach a spring school near New Westville, Ohio - term two months - wages \$1.50 per day." Diary, 9-12-1874: "Began a school at New Westville, Ohio - six months at \$2.25 a day for the first three months and \$2.50 for the last three." She was ordained by the Universalist Church 10-25-1896 at Blanchester, O., and preached in Arkansas City, Topeka, Junction City and Seneca, all of Kansas; as well as Eldorado, New Madison, Eaton, Palestine, Conover, Miami City, Plattsville, Jeffersonville, Cuba, Milford, Camden, Mt. Gilead and New Paris, Ohio; Anderson, etc., in Indiana. She was National Supt. of the Home Dept. of the Universalist S.S. Assn. 1915-22 and Vice Pres. Ohio Universalist S.S. Assn. During the year ending 1898 she delivered 85 sermons, covering 3403 miles. Her salary was \$370.22 and she spent \$64.30 on railroad fare. Rev. Stoner is to be credited with building at least two churches (but I think it was 4): New Madison and Eldorado, O.

1. NORMA LE CLERC STONER b. 10-26-1880 in Richland Twp., Miami Co., Ind.; d. in the home she built at Prospect 10-1956 age 76, from a stroke. She m. CLYDE BRIDGEFORD an accomplished photographer. Norma was graduated from the College of Pharmacy at Cincinnati in 1900 with the highest honors in her class and was one of the first (if not first) women pharmacists in Ohio, being 40 years in the business. She wrote that "I have been in the drug business 40 years, which life work I have always felt was due to the influence of Grace Greenwood, Dr. McKay's granddaughter. As a child I greatly admired her and followed her career, as a pharmacist and physician." (from The Courier-Tribune, 1939, Kans.) There were no issue.

2. CARL MANFORD STONER b. 12-23-1882 in Richland Twp.; d. 8-7-1910 (at

- 11 p.m.) age 27-7-16. He passed away in his parents' home in Eaton, from TB. He is buried at Springlawn Cemetery. Carl was a Universalist and a Mason. He worked as a shoe salesman.
3. MURRAY HAMILTON STONER b. 3-4-1885 in Richland Twp.; d. 9 p.m. Sun., 1-20-1901 in Pendleton, Ind. His death resulted from injuries while pole vaulting on ice (d. cerebral hemorrhage). Buried at Falls Cemetery in Pendleton and moved to Springlawn 6-5-1901. He was named for John Murray the founder of Universalism.
 4. ROXY MAY STONER b. 5-17-1886 in Bill Creek Twp., Bourbon Co., Kans.; d. from influenza which terminated in pneumonia 12-5-1918 and is buried at Springlawn. She m. Thanksgiving Day at New Madison Universalist Church 11-28-1907 HARRY VINCENT CASPER b. 12-6-1880 in Miami Co., Ind.; d. 10:30 p.m., Wed. 12- -1955 at Rochester, Ind. He is the son of Caroline (Hostetler) and Jacob Casper. Harry was Clerk Treasurer 1935-39, and a member of Grace Methodist Church in Prospect. He was graduated from Purdue University in Animal Husbandry. He m. (2) Anna McKitrick who d. 1939. Harry is buried at Rochester (Ind.) Citizens Cemetery. Roxy attended Buchtel College for two years and was a member of Phi Delta Gamma. She was an ardent Universalist and taught S.S. ROXY MAY (STONER) and HARRY VINCENT CASPER had issue:
 - a. ROBERT VINCENT CASPER b. 3-4-1910 at Peru, Ind.; d. 9-4-1913 and is buried at Springlawn Cemetery.
 - b. BERNICE ELIZABETH CASPER b. 4-8-1912 at the James Smelser farm home; m. 1-23-1933 at Rochester, Ind. STERLING RETTERER b. 8-7-1909. Bernice is a nurse. I am deeply grateful to her for her splendid cooperation in collecting data of this section of the family; and appreciative of the opportunity of having viewed the many fine old pictures of her grandparents. She also showed us the wedding gown which her grandmother wore (in excellent condition). I believe this dress is the one Sara Lizzie wore during the sitting for DeScott Evans. This large oil painting hangs in the family home in Prospect. Address: Box 145, Prospect, Ohio.
 - i. CAROL MAY RETTERER b. 4-20-1935; m. 8-24-__ ROBERT STEELE. Address: R.R. 2, Richwood, Ohio. Issue:
 - i. JONDA KAY STEELE b. 7-4-1953.
 - ii. NORMA LOUISE RETTERER b. 12-7-1936; m. WILLIAM LEROY SALYER. She was Class Valedictorian. Address: Prospect, Ohio.
 - c. RUTH MARJORIE CASPER b. 4-11-1914 in Darke Co., O.; m. 1934 at Winamac, Ind. ROBERT KRATHWOHL b. 6-22-1909 in Rochester. He was Yeoman 2nd Class in the U.S. Navy 1943-45, serving in Guam. He attended South Bend Business College (1929-30), is an interior decorator, sign painter, and is employed by the News-Sentinel as pressman. He is the son of Lillie (Van Dyne) and David Krathwohl. His hobbies are fishing and sign painting. He has travelled in Hawaii and Guam. I am most grateful to Mrs. Krathwohl for lending me her grandmother's journal, the reading of which was one of the most rewarding experiences during this Smelser research. Address: 121 E. 9th St., Rochester, Ind. Issue:
 - i. JEAN ANN KRATHWOHL b. 3-24-1935; m. in Rochester 6-8-1952 (First Christian Church) JOHN E. WAGONER b. 3-4-1930, son of Melvin Wagoner. John was in the U.S. Navy. He is a

member of the Baptist Church and I.O.O.F. Lodge. Issue:

i. LARRY NEIL WAGONER b. 9-26-1953.

ii. DAVID C. KRATHWOHL b. 2-27-1937 in Rochester. He was graduated from Purdue University Jan., 1960 in Electrical Engineering (R.O.T.C.). He is 2/lt. in Army and attended officer's school (Signal Corps) in Fort Monmouth.

iii. JOHN R. KRATHWOHL b. 10-7-1943 in Rochester.

D. CHARLES HAMILTON SMELSER b. 5-20-1856 in Wayne Co., Ind.; d. 3-20-1947 in San Antonio, Texas, age 90. He m. 12-11-1881 MARY BELLE MOREHEAD b. 1858 in Westville, O.; d. 1933. Both are buried at Springlawn Cemetery. She is the daughter of David Morehead (b. 1825 in Pa. at Chambersburg); d. 1905 and granddaughter of James Morehead. David Morehead resided in Preble Co., O., most of his life and was considered one of the most successful farmers and valued citizens there. Early in life he was a huckster, driving a three-horse team between Preble Co. and Cincinnati; in 1860's he bought the business for over \$1000 (a large sum for those days) and was able to liquidate the debt within 18 months. His farm of 126 acres was in Sect. 5, Jackson Twp. He m. 1857 Nancy E. Kissinger b. 9-5-1835 near Troy, O.⁷⁶ Charles Hamilton Smelser attended school in Lodi, O. and Valpariso, Ind. He went west and followed railroading and after moving to St. Louis, Mo., became engaged in the coal business. He lived in San Antonio after retirement. He was Y.M.C.A. Secretary in St. Louis (avocation) for over 30 years. CHARLES HAMILTON and MARY BELLE had issue:

1. EARL DAVID SMELSER b. 9-19-1885 in Wayne Co., Ind.; m. 9-8-1943 at Golden, Colo. MARY IRENE HAMER b. Emporia, Kansas. Earl David attended public schools of Kansas City, Kansas. From 1898-1911 he was with the Meyers Brothers Drug Co. in St. Louis. From 1911-1926 he was with the Missouri Pacific Railroad in the passenger department. In 1926 he went to Colorado for his health. He was with the Denver Athletic Club 1935-43 (Asst. Manager). He joined the Masonic bodies in Little Rock, Ark. 1915. He belongs to the Stamp Club and is a member of various Republican clubs in Denver. Mr. Smelser gave me my "start" on family data, and I cherish his interest in the project. Mary Irene (Hamer) Smelser received her A.B. from the University of Illinois. She also attended the Columbia University Library School. She taught in the Denver schools from 1927-1946. She is an expert bridge player and has won innumerable trophies for same. Her father was attorney for William Allen White, owner of the famous Kansas paper. She remembers William Nichols Smelser of Emporia principally because he kept a monkey at one time when she was just a child. Add.: 14 S. Ogden Street, Denver 9, Colorado. No issue.

E. FRANK SMELSER b. 9-5-1858; d. 1941. He is buried at Springlawn Cemetery. He m. 12-9-1886 SIRILLA ALCESTUS BROWN b. 2-14-1865, daughter of Rozilla Lavina (Bright) b. 2-6-1837 at Franklin Co., Ind.; d. 4-5-1916 and Felix L. Brown b. 10-6-1836 at Liberty, Ind.; d. 1-12-1902. Both are buried at Shelbyville, Ind. Felix is the son of Elizabeth (Ridenour) and George Ross Brown b. 1805; d. 2-4-1896 and Elizabeth _____ d. 3-11-1897. Rozilla is the daughter of Lucretia (Parrott) b. 2-14-1803; m. 11-30-1820; d. 4-18-1862 and Ezekial Bright b. 10-14-1793; d. 6-6-1886. Frank Smelser's 80-acre farm was at one time a part of the James Smelser estate. The farm is on Paint Road (Preble Co., O.) just across the Indiana border, and

its northern line is on U.S. 35. Frank's widow lived on the farm until Wednesday morning, 8-27-1952, at which time a fire of undetermined origin destroyed the homestead. Mrs. Smelser and her nurse were alone in the house. After the conflagration, "Grandmother Smelser" was removed to a nursing home (she was not injured from the fire, but has been an invalid since ca 1940) in Columbus, O. Mrs. Smelser, born during the Civil War, is most alert and has an amazing memory retention. When I asked for names and dates and places (as regards both the Smelsers and her side of the family), she immediately began listing the above information for me. Address: Woodland Manor, Woodland and Long Streets, Columbus, Ohio.

1. OCEA MARIE SMELSER b. 8-15-1887; d. 5-31-1957 at Columbus. She is buried at the New Union Cemetery in Columbus, O. She m. in the front yard of her father's home 6-25-1914 (by Professor Elbert Russell, Chairman of Religion Dept., Earlham College and later faculty of Duke University) CHELSEA ALFRED POLLOCK b. 12-10-1890 at Camden, Ohio, son of Elzina Nancy (Mann) b. 2-4-1868; d. 11-22-1952 and George Alfred Pollock b. 1865; d. 1944. Both are buried at Mound Hill Cemetery in Eaton, Ohio. George is the son of Hannah C. (Woodring) b. 1840; d. 1888 and Henry S. Pollock b. 1845; d. 5-30-1914. Both are buried at Mound Hill. Chelsea's maternal grandparents are Elzina Huffman (Campbell) b. 11-26-1841; m. 3-7-1861; d. 2-1-1921 and Valentine Wysong Mann b. 1-14-1839; d. 10-8-1927. Both are buried at Mound Hill, a cemetery which lies between the town of Eaton and Ft. St. Clair. The fort was erected 1791-92. In 1792 a severe battle was fought here between a corps of riflemen (100 from the Kentucky militia under the command of Capt. John Adair, subsequently governor of Ky.) and a band of 250 Mingo and Wyandot warriors led by Little Turtle.

The Pollock family has been traced to Fulbert, Chamberlain to William the Conqueror. Petrus (son of Fulbert) had a grant of Upper Pollock in Renfrewshire from the High Steward, and he is supposed to have taken his surname from the lands of Pollock. "Between 1177-99 Peter gifted the church of Pulloc and its pertinents to the monastery of Paisley, a gift confirmed by Jocelyn, bishop of Glasgow." The 11th President of the U.S., James Knox Polk, is a great-great-grandson of Robert Polk or Pollock who emigrated from Ayrshire to the American colonies. Chelsea Alfred Pollock received his A.B. from Earlham College 1914 and A.M. from Columbia University 1919. He taught and was principal in Columbus public schools for 40 years, the last being at Glenmont. He has received recognition for outstanding work in the field of conservation. In 1957 he was selected Clintonville Man of the Year. Address: Corner Indianola and Milford Aves., Columbus, O.

Marie (Smelser) Pollock attended Earlham College 1912-14 and a summer at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, a picturesque gorge of the Little Miami River. Horace Mann became the first President at Antioch, which had a health resort since Indian times. Tourists sought out Yellow Springs for its mineral waters, and in the 1830's some of those visiting there were Henry Clay, Daniel Webster and the two sisters, Catherine Beecher and Mrs. Stowe. Marie (Smelser) Pollock was a dedicated teacher who, after retirement, became a tutor and educational

consultant. She privately tutored over 1500 children and adults. Two memorials are in her memory: a chapel in Korea and a set of English handbells which were dedicated at the Indianola Presbyterian Church in Columbus, O., during Epiphany Service 1-3-1960. The bells were cast at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry of London, England. This same foundry cast the original Liberty Bell (1752) and Big Ben (1858).

- a. MARION (MARK) SMELSER POLLOCK b. 12-23-1917 at Camden, Ohio; m. (1) 3-31-1939 at Covington, Ky. JANICE HYATT b. 2-19-1922. Div. January, 1950. Janice was Mrs. America in 1941, but abdicated. She m. (2) 1954 Harold R. Warsmith. They live at 1111 E. Cooke Rd., Columbus. Mark Pollock m. (2) 3-1-1952 in Richmond, Ind. (Dr. William E. Berry, Chairman of Religion Dept. at Earlham College) ALVIE LEE (POLLY) SETSER b. 2-9-1924, daughter of Fannie L. (Parman) b. 8-17-1883 in Greene Co., Tenn.; m. 1-13-1913 in Greenville, Tenn.; d. 5-6-1951 in Dayton, Ohio and Lon B. Setser b. 6-18-1881 Green Co.; d. 10-1952. Both are buried at Memorial Park in Dayton. Fannie Lee Parman is the daughter of Nancy Caroline Parman (nee Gibbs) b. 9-25-1864 in Greene Co.; d. 10-2-1958 in Greenville and James Hancher Parman b. 9-18-1858 in Greene Co.; d. 7-1-1926. Both are buried in the Parman Cemetery in Greene Co., Tenn. Nancy is the daughter of Mary (Parman) and Riley Gibbs of Greene Co. James Hancher is the son of Cynthia E. (Bird) b. 5-15-1820; d. 11-20-1892; m. 3-4-1837 and Daniel Parman b. 9-13-1816; d. 7-4-1864 from drowning in the French Broad River at Knoxville, Tenn. Both are buried in the Parman Cemetery. Lon B. is the son of Virginia A. (Kite) b. 1-12-1858; m. 4-7-1880 in Hawkins Co., Tenn.; d. 1-9-1927 and James Henry Setser b. 1-17-1861 in Hawkins Co.; d. 3-25-1947 in Greene Co. Both are buried at Bradburn Hill E.U.B. Church, Greene Co., Tenn. "Polly" Pollock received her A.B. 1947 (English, Art, Spanish) from Miami U. in Oxford, Ohio and A.M. 1950 (Social Administration) from Ohio State University. She also attended University of Dayton, Anderson College in Anderson, Ind. and Dayton Art Institute. She has been a professional and volunteer in group work, case work and community organization since 1950. Professionally she has been associated with such organizations as Y.W.C.A. (Dayton and Miami, Fla.), G. S., Cerebral Palsy, Recreation (Dayton), Court of Domestic Relations, and United Appeals and Community Welfare for Springfield & Clark Co., Ohio. Travel: England, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Monaco, Italy and France in 1951. Interests: reading, camping, bridge. Mark Pollock received his A.B. in 1939 from Earlham College (English, Religion). He did post-graduate work at Wilmington College, Miami University and Ohio State University. He has taught Industrial Arts and History in Miami, Fla. and Ohio since 1940, and has been on the faculty at Northridge High School (Montgomery Co., O.) since 1952. Mark has also worked in sales promotion extensively. Affiliations: Masons, N.E.A. and Indiana Society of Pioneers. Travel: Mexico, Canada and U.S. extensively. Interests: Philosophy, swimming and writing. Address: ~~2901 Oakridge Dr., Dayton 17, Ohio.~~ ^{36 SUNDERLAND DR. VANDALIA, O.}
- i. SUSAN LEE POLLOCK b. 8-9-1940 in Columbus; m. 9-17-1960 in

Columbus (Trinity Episcopal Church by the Rev. John T. Byron) RONALD CHARLES RABOLD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Rabold of Walhalla Rd., Columbus. Ronald is a ministerial student (Episcopal) at Ohio State University. Susan was awarded a Bland L. Stradley Memorial Scholarship at Ohio State University where she enrolled 1959. She was Honored Queen, Bethel No. 42 of the International Order of Job's Daughters. Address: 3235 Indianola Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

- ii. THOMAS JAY POLLOCK b. 8-14-1941 in Middletown, Ohio. He is with the U.S.N. in French Morocco. Candidate for R.O.T.C.
- iii. MARK ALAN POLLOCK b. 9-14-1944 in Cincinnati, O. He was Sr. Award Winner, Ohio Newspaper Boy (selected from 50,000) 1961 Mark Alan is a straight A student.

- iv. ROBERT ALFRED POLLOCK b. 1-7-1946 in Columbus, Ohio.

MARK and POLLY POLLOCK had issue:

- v. DAVID MARK POLLOCK b. Thursday, 7-16-1953 in Dayton, Ohio.
- b. CHELSEA ALFRED POLLOCK, JR. b. 9-29-1920 in Columbus; m. (1) 1942 MARJORY SAUNER. Divorced. He m. (2) 5-30-1952 in Chicago ELDA KRUEGER b. 5-22-1920. Fred Pollock received his A.B. and A.M. from Ohio State University (Social Administration). He is Case-work Supervisor, Boys' Court, Chicago. Earlier he worked in penology, John Howard Assn., and was a caseworker for Franklin Co., O. Fred and Elda travelled in Europe in 1960. Address: 7642 N. Eastlake Terr., Apt. 3, Chicago 26, Ill. There are no issue.

- F. ANNA MAY SMELSER b. 1-28-1864; d. 2-21-1953 from a fall. She m. (1) M. A. SANBORN (2) _____ MIDGEY (3) _____ KARSCH (KIRSCH). She lived in Calif

- 1. RUTH SANBORN m. (1) _____ MOORE (2) STEELE P. DUNN. Address: Shingleton (Shasta Co.), Calif. No issue.

- VI. ISHAM SMELSER b. 11-23-1823 in Wayne Co., Ind.; d. 9-28-1882. He m. in 1850 HENRIETTA FARLOW b. 7-2-1827 near Liberty, Ind.; d. 12-15-1893. Both are at the Elkhorn Cemetery. Isham was a farmer and the first land he owned was a tract of 182 acres which his father had given him. He also engaged in raising cattle in large numbers, which he fed for the town market. He was a most faithful member of the Universalist Church, and was fond of an argument on religious topics, on which he was well informed.⁷⁷ In 1865 Isham Smelser resided 4½ miles southeast of Centerville, Ind. His wife is the daughter of John and Catherine Farlow of Harrison Twp., Union Co., where the family located at a very early day. Issue:

- A. JOHN F. SMELSER b. 11-25-1851 in Center Twp., Wayne Co., Ind.; d. 4-24-1934 age 82. He is buried at Elkhorn Cemetery. Mr. Smelser was a farmer, residing on a farm of 320 acres in Boston Twp. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity of Abington, Indiana.

- B. MARY ELIZABETH SMELSER b. 3-31-1858 in Center Twp., Wayne Co.; d. 1-6-1939. She m. 12-24-1885 WALTER W. MC CONAHA of Center Twp., b. 3-4-1859; d. 6-27-1931. He is the son of Thomas McConaha b. in Fauquier Co., Va. 11-8-1813. He drove a team for Barnett and Whiteside, millers from Camden, Ohio, at \$7.00 per month, and at the end of six months put \$40.00 on interest, and from that time to the date of his death 9-15-1877 there was not a day that he had not money on interest. At the age of 29 he bought the homestead of his father (Samuel who m. Nancy _____, and came to Indiana and settled three miles south of Centerville) and from time to time added

to it till he owned a section. He was a successful farmer and a stock raiser, making a specialty of the cattle industry. He m. (1) 1841 Miss Christine Kramer, native of Butler, Ohio, and daughter of George Kramer, Sr. She d. 1864 and he m. (2) 1867 Martha Eliason, daughter of Joshua, Sr.⁷⁸ Walter McConaha opened a farm implement store and bought an elevator in Centerville. In 1890 he went to Richmond where he operated a store and years later entered the automobile business. He was a director of the Richmond Bakery Co., and several financial institutions in Richmond, and was a member of the city school board for six years. He was a State Senator from Wayne Co. 1914-1921. In 1917 he was chairman of the finance and education committees, and in 1919 he headed the finance, railroad and insurance committees. He was a Republican and a Mason and member of the Rotary Club. He d. age 74. Issue:

1. EVERETT RICHARD MC CONAHA b. 1887; d. 8-20-1933 age 45, from an auto accident. He m. 1915 MAUD BECKER who d. 11-4-1935. He m. (2) Murray Baldwin. Mr. McConaha is buried at the Earlham Cemetery. He was an Elk, Rotarian, and a member of the Travelers Protective Assn. Mr. McConaha attended the Richmond Business College. Issue:

- a. JOAN ELIZABETH MC CONAHA b. 1917. He m. 11-15-1937 CHARLES TIMMONS. Issue:

- i. BARBARA TIMMONS.

- b. BARBARA MC CONAHA

2. HENRIETTA MC CONAHA m. (1) _____ STARR (2) HARRY HOLMQUIST. She is living in Pittsburgh, Pa.

3. CLEM MC CONAHA m. MARGARET BAYER. Mr. McConaha attended Earlham College 1912-13. Add.: 3744 N. Meridian, Apt. 22, Indianapolis.

- a. ROBERT MC CONAHA b. 1920; d. 5-28-1934 in an accident when he was thrown from a bicycle. He is buried at Earlham Cemetery.

- C. JACOB S. SMELSER b. 1861; d. 9-15-1915 age 54. He m. 12-26-1889 IDA MAE HILL. Issue:

1. HOWARD SMELSER m. IRENE FUDGE. Add.: 512 Walnut Ct., Centerville.

- a. RUTH ANN SMELSER b. 4-5-_____

- D. RICHARD E. SMELSER b. 1866; d. 6-2-1959 age 92. He m. 6-10-1900 SYLVIA ROTHERNAL b. 1876; d. 12-15-1954. Both are buried at Elkhorn Cemetery. There were no issue. Mr. Smelser was a farmer and lived at 1220 Abington Pike, Richmond, Ind., since 1916.

VII. JACOB SMELSER, JR. b. 7-7-1827 at Boston Twp., Wayne Co.; d. 3-16-1921 at Boston Twp. He m. RACHEL HAMMOND b. 12-16-1828 in England; d. 4-17-1916.

Both are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. Jacob was a farmer. Issue:

- A. WINFIELD SMELSER b. 1852 in Boston Twp.; d. 1933. He m. 11-26-1872 MARY E. BULLA b. 1850 in Boston Twp.; d. 1924; daughter of Joseph M. Bulla, Sr. Winfield and Mary are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. Subject attended Earlham College 1869-70. The following is extracted from a newspaper article by Luther M. Feeger, appearing in The Richmond Palladium-Item 8-21-1958 (printed by permission):

"STONE FENCES POPULAR WITH EARLY SETTLERS IN LIBERTY PIKE AREA"

"Before the state of Indiana took over the principal roads of Wayne county, the section of U.S.-27, north of Richmond, was known as the Fort Wayne road, the Richmond-Newport turnpike, the Chester and the Winchester pike.

ASTERS AT DUSK

"The stretch of U.S.-27, south of Richmond, was known as the Liberty Pike. If it had a name prior to the selection of the town of Liberty as the Union county seat there is no readily available information to that effect.

"Both the north and south approaches to Richmond contributed to the industrial development of Richmond.

"The East and Middle branches of the East fork of the Whitewater river provided ideal water power for the pioneer flour and saw mills and other plants whose output was hauled over present U.S.-27 to Richmond.

"The Liberty pike, running to the south, crossed streams that provided power for mills.

"The southern highway was close enough to the Whitewater river and its tributaries to become a well-used medium of transportation to and from Richmond.

"The output of flour mills, saw mills and quarries was hauled to market over the pike for many years. Some woolen mills were in existence as late as the beginning of this century.

"Excellent building stone was quarried near Elkhorn creek and its tributaries. The pioneers built not only foundations for their houses but also fences from the flat rocks which they found in abundance.

"Today the DeBolt Concrete Company, Inc., still operates a large quarry opposite the site of the Elkhorn flour mills which ceased operations many years ago.

"This quarry is not adjacent to the route of U.S.-27, but its output consists of the same type of stone which the pioneers found along the Liberty pike.

"Pioneer settlers along the Liberty pike (U.S.-27) seemed to take a liking to the erection of stone fences.

"Plenty Available"

"Possibly the presence of many flat stones in the Little and Big Elkhorn creeks and the East fork of the Whitewater river suggested their use for fence purposes.

"John and Alexander Wood, who owed Jacob Smelser \$1,000, paid off the debt in 1847 by constructing a stone fence on a farm owned by Smelser. The fence was 2,673 feet long, four feet high, 22 inches wide at the base and 20 inches at the top.

"The fence had a coping set up edgewise. The Wood brothers used four and six-horse teams to haul the stone.

"Another long stone fence erected more than 125 years ago was built on the north and south sides of the old Elkhorn cemetery.

"John Sedgwick built a stone fence along the roadway at his home on the Liberty

"pike, about 6 miles south of Richmond, in 1857. He built the home 10 years earlier. This fence was six feet high, of which 18 inches were below the surface of of the soil.

"Miss Elizabeth Smelser, retired Richmond school teacher, lives there now. Sedgwick was her great-uncle.

"The fence is not to be confused with the one built for her grandfather, Jacob Smelser, on the Smithfield road (now Ind.-122, leading into Boston) by the two neighbors to settle a debt. That fence has disappeared. Distant relatives live on the farm.

"Source of Interest"

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"Jacob Smelser, sr., had a son, Jacob Smelser. The latter Smelser's son, Winfield, was Miss Elizabeth Smelser's father.

"Margaret Smelser, a daughter of Jacob Smelser, sr., became the wife of John Sedgwick.

"About 100 years ago, Hiram Sulser, a neighbor of the Sedgwicks, built a stone wall on both sides of the old road. The south side had a row of triangular-shaped coping or capstones edged on top, side by side.

"The rugged nature of the terrain made the entire Elkhorn area a favorite place for wild life. The abundance of game attracted Indians from their towns along the White river and other places in the north to this part of the Whitewater valley.

"Indians erected temporary encampments, but they made no permanent settlements in Wayne county. Their petty thefts and constant begging made them nuisances rather than threats to the safety of the first settlers.

"Stone axes, other implements and ornaments, found in many places by the pioneers indicated that the prehistoric Indians recognized the ease with which food could be obtained in this area. The mounds, which they erected, prove their presence here long before the historic Indian came on the scene."

Joseph M. Bulla, Sr. is the son of Thomas, an early Wayne County settler. "Joseph Bulla was born where his father first settled, on the Elkhorn, in the southeast part of Wayne township. He was married to Nancy Wilson, and settled in the township of Boston, about 5 miles from Richmond. . Besides the sundry trusts of minor importance, Mr. Bulla held, from 1842 to 1848, the office of county commissioner and was soon elected a representative of the county in the state legislature."⁷⁹ MARY E. BULLA and JACOB SMELSER, JR. had five children:

1. MURRAY SMELSER b. 5-22-1874; d. 5-26-1881; buried at Elkhorn Cem.
2. ELIZABETH SMELSER b. 11-15-1875 in Richmond; d. 8-11-1959 at the Reid Memorial Hospital in Richmond, after breaking her hip in a fall at her home, known as Shady Hill, on U.S. 27. She was graduated from Richmond High School 1895 and from Earlham College 1900. She also studied at the University of Chicago and took correspond-

ence courses from Indiana University. Before teaching at Richmond, she taught at Anderson, Ind. She was head of the high school language department at Richmond from 1924-1946, at which time she retired. She was active with a number of educational groups and also translated books into Braille. When she left the large sum of money to Earlham College as a scholarship fund (with benefits of tuition, books, equipment and necessary school expenses, but excluding board and room), the following article was published in the college magazine, The Earlhamite, April, 1960, page 15:

The Smelser Endowment to Earlham College

"Those having torches will pass them on to others." Upon her death, August 11, 1959, Elizabeth Smelser, '00, retired school teacher, left the bulk of her estimated \$125,000 estate towards establishing a scholarship fund for needy Richmond high school students desiring to attend Earlham College. The Smelsers, a prominent pioneer family of Wayne and Union Counties, have sent over 50 of its own members to Earlham.

In 1788 the Peter Smelser and Nicholas Smith families emigrated from Maryland and Pennsylvania to Kentucky. Peter Smith married Margaret Smelser in 1807, and Jacob Smelser married Elizabeth Smith in 1811; sister and brother of one family to sister and brother of the other family. The Peter Smiths came to Indiana in 1820 and the Jacob Smelsers settled in Wayne County three springs later.

Two grandchildren of Jacob Smel-

ser were graduated from Earlham in 1868: Isham Sedgwick and Eliza Kate Smelser. Isham married Josephine Beeson (Earlham 1877-1881) and his brother, Richard, married Marcia Sutton (Earlham 1877-1881). Kate Smelser (born six months after the opening of Friends Boarding School in 1847) was a teacher for over 40 years, and the oldest living woman graduate of Earlham before her death in 1942, at the age of ninety five.

Winfield Smelser, a third grandchild of Jacob and Elizabeth, attended Earlham 1869-70. He married Mary E. Bulla. Two of their five children are Earlhamites — India Smelser Druley (1904-05) and Elizabeth (1900) who was graduated with a Ph. B. in Foreign Languages.

Elizabeth Smelser was one of those who lived in a house on top of a hill, and whose view from her window was a poem.

Mrs. M. S. Pollock, who wrote the above article for **The Earlhamite**, is writing a book about the Smelsers. Anyone knowing about the family may reach her at 2901 Oakridge Drive, Dayton, Ohio.

Not included in this article are the following grandchildren of Jacob and Elizabeth (Smith) Smelser who attended Earlham: Elizabeth Esteb (attended 1868-70) and her brother Isham (attended 1869-70), two brothers George R. Hart (attended 1875-76) and Isaac S. Hart (attended 1876-77) as well as Eliza F. Howes (1884-87). A grandchild of Peter Smith and Margaret (Smelser) also attended: John D. Crowe (1878-79). Elizabeth Smelser is buried at Elkhorn.

3. EVA SMELSER b. 3-2-1881; d. 3-25-1881 age 23 days. Elkhorn Cem.
4. BLANCHE SMELSER (twin) b. 1-7-1883; d. 5-7-1883 age 4 mos. Elkhorn.
5. INDIA H. SMELSER (twin) b. 1-7-1883; d. 3-18-1954. She is buried at Elkhorn. On 12-26-1912 she m. RALPH H. DRULEY b. 10-31-1884, a son of Levi and Minerva (Hart) Druley. Levi Frank Druley made a specialty of breeding short horn cattle. Ralph m. (1) 12-7-1905 Ivy Stinus and had one child, Helen Marie Druley b. 11-13-1906.

- B. SOLOMON SMELSER b. 1855 in Wayne Co.; d. 8-6-1910 in Madison Co., Ind. He m. (1) 3-21-1882 MARTHA JANE WOOD b. 1859; d. 1904 (2) 9-11-1905 in Madison Co. D. STOCKTON. Solomon and Martha are buried at Elkhorn Cem.
1. WALTER LAINE SMELSER b. 8-15-1885 in Frankton, Ind.; d. 1923. He m. 1907 in Anderson, Ind. KATIE M. KEISER b. 1873 in Ind.; d. 1926. Both are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. Katie is the daughter of Mary (Morgan) and William Keiser (b. in Ohio; d. 1916) and granddaughter of George Keiser. Issue:
 - a. GEORGE KEISER SMELSER b. 12-14-1908 at Anderson; m. 3-19-1932 at the home of Winfield Smelser ELIZABETH HUBBARD CHILDS, who attended Earlham College 1927-29. George K. Smelser is Chairman of the Ophthalmology Department at Columbia University. He received his A.B. from Earlham College 1929 and Ph.D. in Zoology from University of Chicago 1932. He was National Research Council Fellow at Cambridge, England, University 1932-38 and received the Certificate of Merit and Honorary Membership of American Academy of Ophthalmology in 1950 at Chicago, Ill. He is a member of Sigma Chi, Gamma Alpha (U. of Chicago), Amer. Assn. of Anatomists, American Soc. of Zoologists, The Harvey Society, Assn. for Res. in Ophthalmology, Society of Exper. Biology of Medicine and American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. Dr. Smelser has been listed in American Men of Science and Indiana Scientists 1951. He has published over 60 articles dealing with the eye, i.e., Exopthalmos, Corneal transparency, Keratoplasty. Travel: (1932-33, 1951-52) France, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Germany, Greece, Israel (1952, 1958), Norway, Sweden, Finland, Canada. Address: 390 Lafayette Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey. Issue:
 - i. ELIZABETH ANN SMELSER b. 7-26-1933 at Cambridge, England. She m. ANTHONY JOHN AGRESTA. Elizabeth attended Earlham College. Address: 222C Faller Dr., New Milford, N.J.
 - i. LISANE MARIE AGRESTA b. 1956.
 - b. MARY JANE SMELSER b. 2-11-1913 at Anderson, Ind. She received her A.B. from Earlham College 1933 (Biology, English) and attended Columbia University 1959. She has been employed by Columbia U. College of Physicians and Surgeons since 1935: 1935-43 Research in Chemistry, 1943-46 Secretary, Animal Care Dept., 1946- Secretary, Dept. of Otolaryngology. Her interests include travel and weaving. Travel: 1961 Hawaii; 1956 France, Switzerland, Austria, Denmark, Norway, Sweden; 1959 France, Italy; 1954 France, Italy, Germany, Denmark and Holland. Add.: 1 Haven Avenue, New York 32, New York.
 2. CLARENCE R. SMELSER b. 8-16-1886; m. 6-17-1908 in Madison Co. R. MAY DURBIN, deceased. Mr. Smelser lives in California. Issue:
 - a. EUGENE R. SMELSER b. 9-7-1909 in Madison Co., Ind.
 3. GRACE SMELSER
- C. THOMAS T. SMELSER b. 1856; d. 1925. He m. 11-28-1883 in Wayne Co. ELLA STANLEY b. 8-15-1860; d. 2-16-1941. Both are buried at Elkhorn Cemetery
1. GERTRUDE SMELSER b. 10-26-1885; d. April, 1952 at Anderson, Ind. She m. 6-24-1920 at Madison Co. CLARENCE E. SAYLOR b. 1883; d. 1943. Both are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery.

D. JAMES SMELSER b. 1862

VIII. MINERVA SMELSER b. 6-1-1830; m. 12-31-1851 in Wayne Co. (Book E, p. 560)

JAMES HART. Both are buried at the Earlham Cemetery (?). Issue:

- A. ELIZABETH HART m. JOHN GARVER. I believe she attended Earlham College.
 1. FRANK GARVER attended Earlham College 1893-94. Lived in Richmond.
 2. JESSIE GARVER
- B. GEORGE HART m. HULDA HEIM. He attended Earlham College 1875-76. He was a farmer and director of the Old National Bank in Richmond. Buried at Earlham Cemetery. There were no issue.
- C. ISAAC SMITH HART m. MINNIE LYBROOK. Isaac attended Earlham College 1876-77. He was a farmer at Kitchell, Ind. Issue:
 1. JAMES EARL HART b. 1890; d. 9-18-1947 age 57. He m. ELIZABETH a piano teacher.
 2. INDIA HART m. EVERETT STEVENS. Buried at Earlham Cemetery.
 3. HERBERT L. HART who resides in California.
- D. MARY HART b. 10-16-1859; d. 7-16-1936; buried at Silver Creek near Liberty, Ind.; m. LEONIDA HOMER LAFUSE b. 1-23-1852; d. 11-17-1937; son of Samuel and Elizabeth Lafuze. Mary and Homer were m. 1-16-1883.
 1. HARRY LAFUSE d. August, 1912 and is buried at West Point in Liberty
 2. WALTER J. LAFUSE b. 5-31-1887 in Union Co., Ind.; m. 2-15-1911 near Liberty, Ind. MARTHA CARSON b. 9-6-1888 near College Corner, Ohio; d. September, 1960; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carson. They lived in the old Jacob Smelser, Sr. homestead south of Richmond, and both were very helpful to me. Issue:
 - a. MAXINE LAFUSE b. 10-4-1912; m. 4-4-1936 ROBERT TUBESING b. 4-21-1913 at Richmond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tubesing. Add.: R. R. 1, Box 172, Chester Pike, Richmond, Ind. Issue:
 - i. GAYLE TUBESING b. 4-17-1939 at Richmond.
 - ii. DALE TUBESING b. 9-29-1945 at Cincinnati, Ohio.
 - iii. MORRIS TUBESING b. 3-30-1949 in Richmond.
 - b. EUGENE C. LAFUSE b. 12-6-1914; m. 11-14-1936 at Indianapolis VIRGINIA HOWARD b. 8-12-1913 at Boston, Ind., dau. of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Howard. Address: R. R. 3, Richmond, Ind.
 - i. LARRY LAFUSE b. 9-19-1937 at Richmond.
 - ii. THOMAS LAFUSE b. 1-27-1939 at Richmond.
 - iii. CYNTHIA LAFUSE b. 8-15-1944 at Richmond.
 - c. LEWIS W. LAFUSE b. 5-19-1918 m. 2-6-1946 at Connersville, Ind. PHYLLIS SELM b. 7-2-1921 at Connersville, dau. of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Selm. Lewis was stationed in Germany during W.W.II. Address: R. R. 2, Carthage, Ind. Issue:
 - i. MICHAEL LAFUSE b. 11-23-1946 at Connersville.
 - ii. CRAIG LAFUSE b. 7-27-1948 at New Castle, Ind.
 - iii. KIM LAFUSE b. 7-3-1950 at New Castle.
 - iv. MELINDA LAFUSE b. 10-11-1952 at Rushville, Ind.
 - v. SUZANNE LAFUSE b. 12-5-1959 at Rushville.
 3. HAZEL LAFUSE b. 5-4-1889; m. MONTGOMERY. Add.: Liberty.
 4. MABEL LAFUSE b. 1-2-1897; m. MC CARTY. College Corner, O.
 5. LESTER LAFUSE who resides at R.R., Liberty. B. 12-25-1899.
 - E. CHARLES HART b. 10-23-1864 in Union Co.; d. 8-7-1907. He m. in Union Co. CORA MOSS b. 10-17-1869; d. 1959 age 90. Both are buried at the Earlham Cemetery. Issue:

1. ELSIE HART b. 4-7-1892 in Union Co., Ind.; m. 10-22-1912 at Portland (Ind.) ORA B. CREEK. Address: Liberty, Ind. Issue:
 - a. MARIAN CREEK b. 10-17-1914 in Union Co.; m. JOHN H. LINK, a laboratory technician. Mrs. Link received her A.B. from Earlham College 1936. Address: R. R. 3, Liberty, Ind. Issue:
 - i. J. FREDERICK LINK b. 1939
 - ii. THOMAS ALLEN LINK b. 1941
 - b. ALLEN CREEK b. 1-12-1918 in Union Co.
 - c. ARVA CREEK b. 11-27-1927 in Union Co.; m. _____ PETERS.
- F. ANNA HART m. CHARLES JOHNSTON. She attended Earlham College.
 1. CARL JOHNSTON
 2. MARY JOHNSTON
- G. JACOB S. HART b. 1870; d. 1900 and is buried at West Point Cemetery in Liberty, Ind. He m. EMMA BRATTAIN b. 1874. There were no issue.
- H. HARRY C. HART b. 1874; d. 1926. He m. SOPHIA SANFORD b. 1878; d. 1953. Both are buried at the Boston Cemetery in Boston, Ind. Issue:
 1. PAUL HART
 2. HELEN CLARE HART b. 6-11-1904 in Kitchell; m. 5-31-1923 in Wayne Co. (Book 21, p. 294) LEONARD BRUCE DILS b. 12-3-1903 at Boston, Ind. Helen attended Earlham College 1921-23. Add.: R.R. 4, Richmond.
 - a. HARRY DILS m. JUANTIA BATCHER. Issue:
 - i. RONALD DEAN DILS b. 1-19-1949; d. 1-20-1949; bur. Earlham.
 - ii. FEMALE
 - iii. MALE b. 2-13-1955
 - b. WINSTON DILS m. EVELYN _____
 - c. POLLY ANNE DILS b. 4-4-1924 in Richmond; m. 7-12-1950 EUGENE W. SCHULER of Point Edwards, Ontario, Canada, b. 8-23-1917. Polly Anne attended Earlham College 1943-44. Issue:
 - i. SCOTT BRUCE SCHULER b. 8-4-1951.
 - d. EVELYN JANE DILS b. 10-10-1930; m. 10-11-1952 in Wayne Co. (Bk. 196, p. 136) ROBERT FROOME BARBOUR b. 1-17-1928. She has a B.S. from Indiana University in Med. Tech.; he received his B.S. in geology from Indiana University.
 - e. HELEN JEAN DILS m. 10-9-1955 JOHN L. RAMEY, son of Lawrence Ramey. She is a registered nurse.
 - f. MALCOLM DILS
 - g. DICK DILS
 - h. STEPHEN DILS
 - i. DARLENE DILS
 3. HESTER HART

IX. TRACY SMELSER b. 10-3-1835; d. 6-23-1914 in Boston Twp., Wayne Co. She m. 1-17-1856 in Wayne Co. (Book F, p. 538) ZACARIAH OSBORN b. 7-19-1829 in Union Co., Ind.; d. 7-24-1881. Both are buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery. Zacariah is the son of Daniel Osborn, an old Wayne Co. pioneer. Zacariah was a farmer of substantial means and a member of the Universalist Church. Daniel Osborn d. 5-13-1846 age 81-10-15; he m. Jane _____ and both are buried at the Elkhorn, she having d. 6-9-1840 age 74.

 - A. EDWARD OSBORN b. 10-21-1856 in Boston, Ind.; d. 11-22-1856 age 1 mo. & 1 day. He is buried at the Elkhorn Cemetery.
 - B. FOSTER OSBORN b. 11-5-1862 in Boston; d. in Liberty. He m. FLORA STANLEY. Issue:

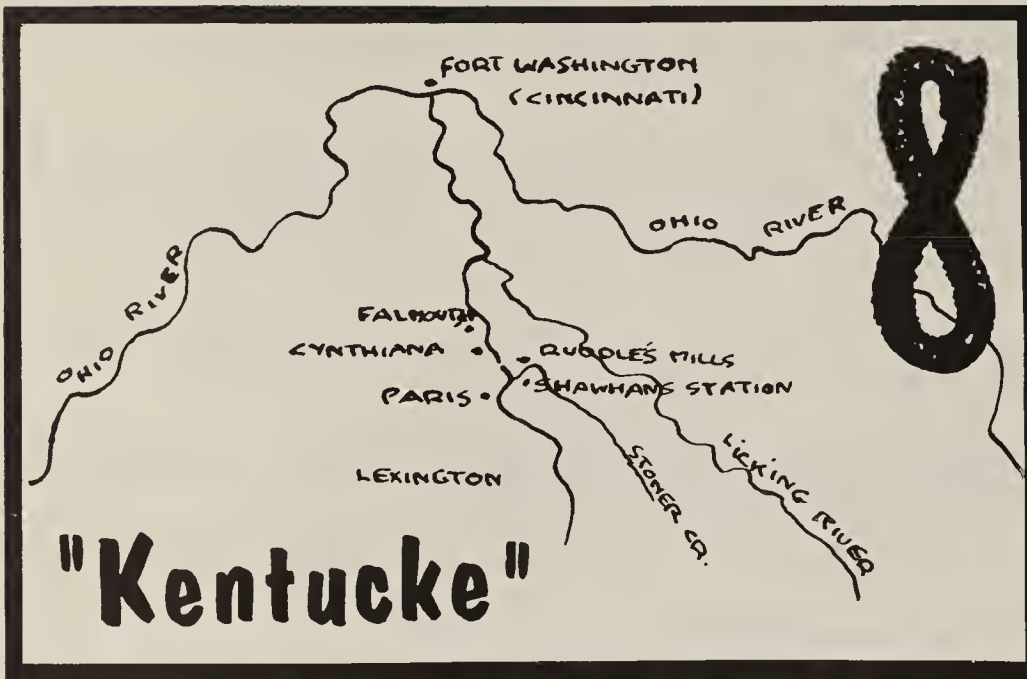
1. EVERETT OSBORN living in Illinois. No issue.
- C. JACOB OSBORN b. 1863; d. 11-26-1870 age 7 yrs. 8 mos. Elkhorn Cemetery.
- D. CHARLES S. OSBORN b. 3-24-__ in Boston, Ind.; d. at Centerville, Ind.
He m. ANNA KING, daughter of Joseph King. No issue.
- E. FRANK OSBORN (twin) b. 7-15-1870 in Boston, Ind.; d. in Sarasota, Fla.
He m. (1) MATILDA VINCENT (2) _____. Issue:
1. GORDON OSBORN living in Cleveland, Ohio. No issue.
- F. HARRY OSBORN (twin) b. 7-15-1870 in Boston, Ind.; d. at birth and is buried at Elkhorn Cemetery.
- G. MARY ELIZABETH OSBORN b. 9-1-1877 in Boston, Ind.; m. 10-22-1899 DANIEL V. LASHLEY d. 10-14-1954 age 79 and is buried at Crown Hill Cemetery in Centerville, Ind. I am genuinely grateful to Mrs. Lashley who generously loaned the family chart to me (said chart being the one on display at the Smelser-Smith Reunion of 1895). Mrs. Lashley has also been a source of inspiration in visualizing the desirability for this written genealogy. She is the only living grandchild of Jacob and Elizabeth Smelser. She resided at 120 N. 20th St., Richmond, Ind., until a year ago, at which time she went to live with her daughter. Issue:
1. RALPH O. LASHLEY (twin) b. 7-8-1911 in Boston, Ind.; m. in Brussels, Belgium LOIS PICKINS b. in Commerce, Ga. Ralph O. Lashley attended Earlham College 1929-31. He received his B.S. in 1935 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He is a Colonel in the U.S. Army and lives at 65 Hilltop Drive, Hartford, Conn. Issue:
a. ANDREW PICKINS LASHLEY b. 3-16-1951/52.
2. ROBERT E. LASHLEY (twin) b. 7-8-1911 in Boston, Ind.; m. in Ind. to FLORA JOHNSON. Robert Lashley received his A.B. from Earlham College 1933. He is a field manager for an encyclopedia company. Add.: 817 Myrtle Road, Charleston, W. Va. Issue:
a. JAMES EDWIN LASHLEY b. 5-23-1940 and attending DePauw University.
b. VIRGINIA SUE LASHLEY b. 5-1-1942 and attending college.
c. LARRY DUANE LASHLEY b. 7-8-1944.
3. HELEN MARGARET LASHLEY b. 5-16-1917 in Boston, Ind. She m. 8-31-1947 in Richmond ROBERT ELWOOD ALLSHOUSE. Helen attended Ball State College and is a teacher. Address: Chester Road, Richmond, Ind. HELEN MARGARET (LASHLEY) and ROBERT ELWOOD ALLSHOUSE had issue:
a. RONALD LEE ALLSHOUSE b. 9-14-1948 at Ann Arbor, Michigan.
b. SUSAN KAY ALLSHOUSE b. 8-29-1949 in Richmond, Indiana.

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PART THREE



BETSY SMELSER DESCENDANTS

KENTUCKE - The state of Kentucky most probably inherited its name from the Indians. Some claim the name is derived from an Iroquois Indian word, "kentucke", meaning "prairie or meadow land" . . . some of the first white Kentucky settlers were told by the Indians that kentucke meant "the river of blood."

Yet there are few Indian names in the state. Often names were chosen to describe dangers and

hardships of the settlers.

"Cutshin Creek was named from an accident there in which a man cut his shin with an ax; Troublesome Creek because of the troubles a man had with his wife along its waters; Stinking Creek, from the odor of escaping natural gas.

"Tenmile Creek and Sixteenmile Creek marked the distance traveled by the hunters or travelers from their cabins or stations.

"The Wilderness Road was so called by the settlers because it led through the wilderness of trees and thick undergrowth of laurel. Later it was called by the pioneers the 'Kaintuck Hog Road,' because they drove their hogs over it to eastern markets.

"'No Bob' Creek in Barren County was named from the following happening. A party of pioneer hunters were camping on the creek, going out in the morning and returning to camp each night. One night, Bob, a member of their party, failed to return. Each night when the party returned, they looked for signs of Bob's return, and always they exclaimed, 'No Bob!' They were never able to find any trace of the lost hunter, and when they left, they named the creek in memory of him."⁸⁰

Led by Capt. Henry Bird, the 8th Regiment of His Majesty's forces with its 1000 men (700 Indians, 200 British Regulars, and 100 Tories and Canadian volunteers) executed atrocities against Kentucky pioneers on a spot which was to become a part of Harrison County 13 years later. These invaders disembarked on the Licking River just a few miles from the center of the modern-day town of Falmouth (Pendle-

ton Co.) in 1780. Ruddle's Fort (some authorities locate it in Bourbon Co. and others just over the line in what is now Harrison Co.) was attacked. The agreement had been "that each man should keep his small arms and the women and children be left in safety at the nearest fort. . .The moment the gates were opened, there followed a scene of frightful carnage. Painted savages, giving the war whoop, rushed into the stockade and, choosing their victims, began a bloody massacre. Wives were snatched from their husbands, children from their parents. The brains of some were dashed out against the walls of the fort, others were tomahawked and scalped. The baby of Mrs. Ruddle was torn from her arms and thrown into the fire before her eyes. In vain did Captain Ruddle plead for mercy, for Captain Bird was unable to control the savage brutes he had loosed upon the occupants of the fort." 81

Beside the serene Licking today is the county seat, Cynthiana, which was named for two daughters of Robert Harrison -- Cynthia and Anna. The county is named for the girls' grandfather, Benjamin Harrison, an outstanding Virginian of his day.

Moving southward along the cement band called U.S. 27, a traveller enters Bourbon County which prolifically produces cattle in its famous bluegrass pastures. In back of Runnymede (an old home on the left after crossing Ewalt's Cross Roads) was the site of Martin's Fort which was destroyed at the same time as Ruddle's. By leaving the highway to the left, one crosses Stoner Creek (how beloved the pioneer Michael Stoner must have been to have had such a beautiful stream named after him!). One passes through Ruddle's Mills and touches Shawhan's Station, and enters then into Paris, county seat of Bourbon. This county seat was established in 1789 by the Virginia legislature under the name of Hopewell; it was changed to Bourbontown; and finally to Paris, 1790.

This is the country familiar to Peter and Barbara Smelser and their children. Peter died there in 1795.

Coeval with Peter's settling in Bourbon County, another Smelser was collocating in nearby Pendleton County.

BETSEY SMELSER b. 1765 m. ca 1790 JACOB STUMP b. 1770. It is unfortunate that the parents or brothers or sisters of Betsey Smelser cannot be traced at this moment. Due to the fact that her daughter and heirs lived in Harrison and Pendleton Counties, Ky., it is my guess that Betsey is the sister of Peter Smelser who m. Barbara Garnhart. Repeatedly, we find that two brothers or two sisters or brother and sister emigrated together. This pattern can be traced throughout this book.

John Ulerich b. probably in Holland about 1750 came to Pennsylvania, moved from Pennsylvania to Bourbon County, Ky. (a John Ullerich is listed in the 1790 census for Pa. in Berks and Philadelphia Counties), and then to Harrison County, Ky. where he died about 1828. He m. Polly _____ and both are buried in the old Forsyth burying ground in Pendleton Co. It is said that John Ulerich, with his youngest son and heir to the homestead, Joseph Ulerich, and his companion, George Cummins, were Nimrods in pioneer Kentucky. The name Ulerich was changed twice since the family came to America. It was changed from Ulerich to Wolery and Ul-

erich from Ulrich. The story goes that John Becket, an early teacher of James and John (grandchildren of Betsey Smelser) changed the spelling from Wolery to Woolery in 1834. John and Polly Ulerich had nine children: Mike; Jacob; Henry who settled near Troy, Ohio; Abraham who settled near Greencastle, Ind.; Peggy; Polly; Katy; Isaac who settled at Rising Sun, Ind.; and Joseph, the youngest son who inherited the farm near Antioch Mills in Harrison Co., Ky.

Kentucky tax lists for 1791 show a Jacob Stump in Lincoln Co. and a Henery Woolery in Bourbon Co.

ELIZABETH or BETSEY (SMELSER) and JACOB STUMP had issue:

- I. ADAM STUMP
- II. KATY STUMP
- III. ESTHER STUMP
- IV. DOLLY STUMP
- V. JOHN STUMP (a John Stump is listed as one of the original lot owners of the Old Graveyard on Main Street in Cynthiana, Ky.)
- VI. GEORGE STUMP
- VII. ELIZABETH STUMP b. 3-10/17/19-1798; d. 9-10-1878. She m. (1) 12-25-1815 JOSEPH WOLERY b. 6-27-1793 in Harrison Co., Ky.; d. 4-30-1838 (2) 8-2-1849 in Harrison Co. WILLIAM FRANKLIN CLEVELAND b. 6-10-1803 in Loudoun Co., Va; d. 6-20-1888 in Pendleton Co., Ky. This was Mr. Cleveland's second marriage. Elizabeth (Stump) Cleveland is buried at Antioch (Harrison Co.). Joseph Wolery was a farmer and hunter who owned "a large tract of Kentucky's forest land at the time when the Indian excursions were frequent enough to make it interesting and when deer was sufficiently plentiful. On 4-30-1838 Joseph was found dead behind his plow, having drunk too frequently of cold water. He was buried in Antioch in the graveyard on the hill. Upon his headstone, name spelled Joseph Wolery."82
 - A. MALINDA WOOLERY b. 12-5 (or 5-12)-1816 in Ky.; d. 1-8 (or 8-1)-1817.
 - B. HELENA WOOLERY b. 5-3 (or 3-5)-1818 in Ky.; m. 3-6-1837 in Harrison Co. (by S. V. Lee) JACKSON CUMMINS. Helena (Woolery) Cummins d. 9-20-1885 or 1865.
 - C. JOHN WOOLERY b. 1-2-1822 in Ky.; d. 8-11-1891. He m. 10-24-1843 in Harrison Co. (by Michael Goshagen) FRANCES LANGLEY. John inherited 60 acres of land from his parents. He was a farmer, Justice of Peace, Deputy County Clerk over 30 years, and a member of the Antioch Christian Church where he was an officer over 40 years. Issue:
 1. ROBERT S. WOOLERY m. 2-6-1868 at Harrison Co. (by P. G. Harrison) ISABEL CUMMINS.
 2. JAMES WOOLERY
 3. MARY FRANCES WOOLERY
 4. JOHN THOMAS WOOLERY
 5. (BETTY) ELIZABETH WOOLERY
 6. HENRY WOOLERY
 7. WILLIAM A. WOOLERY
 8. ANNA ELIZA WOOLERY
 9. JOSEPH F. WOOLERY, a Confederate soldier who was killed in the Battle of Chickamauga during the Civil War.
 10. LOUIS ARTHUR WOOLERY m. MARY TOWNSEND.
 11. JOSEPH FENT WOOLERY b. 2-20-1864 in Harrison Co.; d. 5-17-1908.

He m. 6-17-1895 in Kenton Co., Ky. ANABEL TOWNSEND b. 6-27-1870 in Pendleton Co.; d. 8-1-1956. Issue:

a. JOSEPH ARLING WOOLERY b. Latonia, Ky. Address: Lake Grove, Ore.

b. VIRGINIA WOOLERY b. at Latonia (Kenton Co.); m. _____ LOVEJOY. They live in Columbus, Ohio.

c. LOUIS ARTHUR WOOLERY b. 1-18-1901 at Latonia; d. 6-21-1953. He m. 11-11-1931 at Maysville, Ky. (Rev. Banks, Disciples of Christ) NELL (MAYME) PATTON BRADFORD who lived at Falmouth, Ky. and is Clerk of Circuit Court. Nell is the daughter of Sue (Chiles) b. 9-13-1858 at Falmouth; d. 7-15-1902 and Edwin Frazier Bradford b. 11-1-1858 in Falmouth; d. 1-18-1929. The Bradfords were m. 3-24-1881 in Covington, Ky. Sue Chiles is the daughter of Amanda (Patton) and John Lewis Chiles who were m. 2-27-1855 in Mason Co., Ky. Edwin Frazier Bradford is the son of Sarah Thomas (Sterne) and Edwin Franklin Bradford who were m. 5-31-1855 at Falmouth. Louis Arthur Woolery was linotypist for the Falmouth Outlook, San Diego Sun, and New York Times. He was a member of Orion (Mason) Lodge.

i. TOM BRADFORD WOOLERY b. 4-7-1938 in Covington, Ky.; m. (1) _____ AUTROBUS (2) 2-27-1960 at Jellico, Tenn. PATRICIA FINLEY. Tom served in the U.S. Army 1958 - ___, and was stationed in Germany and Holland. He attended Army school at Ft. Knox, Ky. Address: Falmouth, Ky. Issue:

i. DAVID THOMAS WOOLERY b. 11-2-1961 at Covington.

D. JAMES HENRY WOOLEY b. 12-21-1824 at Harrison Co.; m. 8-2-1849 SARAH ANN CLEVELAND of the Grover Cleveland (22nd President of U.S.) lineage. James Henry Woolery was a member of the Antioch Christian Church, joining under the preaching of Nathan Reed. James and Sarah had issue whose "combined height was more than 47 feet, and combined weight, more than 1500 pounds." See note 83. Issue:

1. WILLIAM HENRY WOOLERY b. 10-26-1850 in Harrison Co.; d. 7-30-1889 in Bethany, W.Va. He m. 10-19-1876 at Flushing (Belmont Co.), Ohio LINNIE KIRK, daughter of Kersey Kirk. William Henry Woolery received his bachelor's degree (ranking 2nd in the class) in 1876 and A.M. in 1883 from Bethany College. He received his LL.D. 1888 from University of West Virginia. He also attended Kentucky University. He was a pastor of Disciples Church at Pompey, N.Y.; Hopedale, and Somerset, O. He became the third president of Bethany College 1887, where he had also been elected Chairman of Latin in 1883. He was an author and lecturer. His writings include "The Wine Discussion," "Ministerial Education," and "The Higher _____." Issue:

a. MARY ALICE WOOLERY b. 9-2-1879 at Hopedale, O.; d. 8-13-18-__ at Bethany, W. Va.

b. ANNIE WOOLERY b. 9-2-1881 at Somerset Co., Pa.

c. WILLIAM KIRK WOOLERY b. 6-20-1888 at Bethany. Apparently he attended Bethany College, for he wrote the book, Bethany Years, now out of print.

2. GEORGE EDWARD WOOLERY b. 1-21-1853 in Pendleton Co., Ky.; m. 12-24-1874 MARTHA JOLLY b. 4-10-1858 in Pendleton Co. She is the daughter of Robert Jolly. Mr. Woolery was a farmer. Issue:

a. LUTHER WOOLERY b. 12-22-1876 in Harrison Co.; d. 12-24-1876.

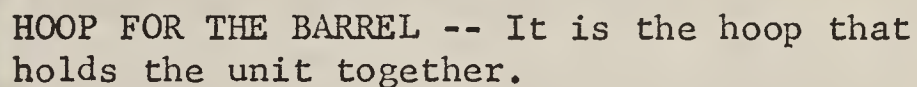
b. PEARL WOOLERY b. 3-24-1881 in Harrison Co.; d. Sept., 1882.

- c. DELLA H. WOOLERY
3. MARTHA ALICE WOOLERY b. 1-29-1855 in Pendleton Co.; m. 6-23-1881 the REV. JULIUS S. KENDRICK b. Grant Co., Ky. 2-21-1850, son of Sarah (Hall) and Joseph Kendrick. Julius was pastor of Disciples Church in Selena, Ala.; August, Ky.; Dallas, Tex.; Winchester, Ky.; and Danville, Ky. The Kendricks lived in Danville in 1892.
a. WILLIAM HENRY KENDRICK b. 3-7-1882 in Selena, Ala.
4. LEWIS CASS WOOLERY b. 4-11-1858 in Pendleton Co.; m. 8-7-1888 MATTIE VIRGINIA PAUL b. 6-15-1859 in Hopedale, O., daughter of Albert Bettel and Annie (Hayes) Paul. Lewis Cass Woolery farmed with his father and then received his A.B. from Bethany College 1884, where he was first in his class. He also attended the Hopedale Normal College. Professor Woolery was Chairman of Greek at Bethany College 1887. He also practiced law at Falmouth, Ky., and was principal of LaFayette College in Higginsville (LaFayette Co.), Mo. Issue:
a. ANNIE PAULINE WOOLERY b. 12-14-1889 in Bethany, W.Va.
5. JEFFERSON DAVIS WOOLERY b. 6-31-1861 or 1-31-1861 in Pendleton Co.; m. 9-9-1886 ANNIE CLEVELAND b. 4-13-1858 in Harrison Co., daughter of Nannie Casey (b. 1-5-1835, daughter of Abraham Casey of Harrison Co.) and William Harrison Cleveland (b. 6-17-1835). Jefferson Davis Woolery was a farmer. Issue:
a. NANNIE FRANCES WOOLERY b. 9-30-1887 in Harrison Co.
6. JOSEPH FENTON WOOLERY b. 7-2-1864 in Pendleton Co.; m. 8-13-1890 at New Lisbon (Columbiana Co.), O. SUE NEILL, daughter of William Neill. Joseph Fenton received his B.D. from Bethany College 1887 (he was 1st in his class) and A.M. 1889. He became president of Nevada Christian University at Nevada, Mo., 1889. He resigned in 1891 and in 1893 became Chairman of Mathematics at Fremont College in Fremont, Nebr.
a. WILLIAM NEILL WOOLERY b. 11-7-1891 at New Lisbon; d. 2-7-1891.
7. EMMETT SIMS WOOLERY b. 11-18-1867 at Pendleton Co.; d. 11-6-1886 in Harrison Co. He was unmarried and just beginning the study of medicine at the time of his death.
8. KIRBY SMITH WOOLERY b. 11-15/25-1870 in Pendleton Co. He received his A.B. from Bethany College 1893 where he was a graduate with high honors. Mr. Woolery was a surveyor and Civil Engineer.
- E. ELIZABETH WOOLERY b. 4-6- (or 6-4)-1831 in Ky.; d. 9-23-1887. She m. 1-30-1860 in Harrison Co. CHARLES WHITAKER.
- F. JOSEPH WOOLERY b. 11-17-1838 in Ky.; m. 1-30-1860 (or 6-20-1861) in Harrison Co. (by P. G. Whitaker) CYNTHIA A. WHITAKER. Issue:
1. JAMES WOOLERY
2. DR. KIRTLEY WOOLERY who lived in Falmouth in 1943.
3. FERD WOOLERY who lived in Falmouth in 1943.
4. GERTRUDE WOOLERY

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PART★FOUR



PAULSER SMELSER and his consort, CATHERINE, "established" a virile line in the 1700's A.D. Though some thought embraces the notion that man is what he is more from nurture than nature, many of the parental qualities succeeding from Catherine and Paulser form an invisible hoop about the meniscus shape of their family tree.

REBECCA M. RICHARD GROSS

WILL OF PAULSER SMELSER

I Paulser Smelser of the County of Bedford being Sick and Weak of Body

but of Sound Memory, and Calling to mind the Uncertainty of this Transi- #
 # tory life knowing that God has appointed that all men shall once die... #
 # I have thought proper to make, Constitute and Confirm this my last Will #
 # and Testament. #

Viz. That I first of all recommend my Soul into the hands of God that #
 # gave it and my Body to the dust from whence it was taken to be decently #
 # buried...and as for my Worldly Estate that it has Pleas'd God to bless #
 # me with I Ordain in form and manner Following To Wit, ... #

IMPRIMIS my desire is that all my Debts any ways Contracted be first of all #
 # paid. I Give and Bequeath Unto My Beloved Wife Catherine Smelser dur- #
 # ing her Natural life orWidowhood the Plantation I Now live on With all #
 # the stock that is now on it Excepting what is here after Mentioned... #
 # but if my Wife Should die, or Alter her Name by Marriage then all my #
 # Movables & Chattles to be Sold and Equally divided amongst my Children #
 # them as live & to them and their Wives for Ever. #

Item I give and bequeath unto my Beloved Sons John Smelser, and Abraham #
 # Smelser, the tract of one hundred and sixty-three acres to them, their #
 # Separate heirs and Assigns for Ever. Viz it is a piece of land I bought #
 # of Edmund Smith to be parted as follows. Viz a line to be run aCross #
 # Equitably The lower part Joining where I live to belong to my Son John, #
 # and the Upper part to Abraham. With a hundred Acres of a New Servey Ad- #
 # joining them to Each, if there is four hundred Acres in the Survey, if #
 # not to be proportioned #

Item I give and bequeath unto My Beloved Sons, Steven Smelser and Paulser #
 # Smelser a piece of land of two hundred and Seventy-five Acres it being #
 # the tract I now live on, a line being Equitably run aCross the land, the #
 # lower part being one hundred Twelve Acres and half and Joining John #
 # Pearsey, to belong to Steven Smelser and his heirs and Assigns to him #
 # his heirs and Assigns for Ever. With an Equitable part of the above New #
 # Servey Adjoining them both #

Item I give and bequeath unto my Beloved Son Jessey Smelser to him his heirs #
 # and Assigns for Ever a new Servey of Land joining William Mc Laland, and #
 # that my Son Paulser Smelser Shall pay out of his part of the Estate unto #
 # my Son Jefrey Fifty pounds to make his part Equal. #

Item I give and bequeath unto My Daughter Betty two Cows and Calves, and Ten #
 # Pounds to be given her by my Son John and of his part of the Estate. #

I Request that my three Sons John, Steven & Paulser may keep their Mares #
 # as I have Appointed them, and that John gives unto Abraham the first two #
 # year old Colt from his Mare...and that Paulser gives unto Jessey the #
 # first two year Old Colt that Comes from his Mare... But if any acci- #
 # dents happeneth to Either or both the Mares then this to be Void... #

I Further Order that my Son Steven Give unto my Son Abraham Thirty Pounds #
 # to make Abraham's part Equal. #

Item I give and bequeath unto my two Daughters Rebeccahh and Mary Smelser my #
 # Negro Named Peter, that Rebeccah may keep the Negro, paying Mary one half#
 # the Negroes Value in Cash & I confirm each ones part to them or their As-#
 # signs for if Either or both Daughters dies her or their parts of the Ne- #
 # gro to be Equally Divided among my other Children #

I Constitute and Appoint To see this my Last Will and Testament Executed #
 # Viz My Beloved Wife Catharine Smelser...John Pearsey and John Sharp. #

Before Witness of this my Last Will and Testament I have Set my hand #
 # State this Seventh Day of December, and in the Year of Our Lord One #
 # Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Seven #

Witnesses

Thomas Dooley #
 # Michael Karn #
 # Tho. Campbell #
 # Sam. Campbell #

At a Court held for Bedford County May 20th, 1779, #
 # The within Last Will and Testament of Palser #
 # Smellser Dead, was Proved by the Oath of Michael #
 # Carn a Witness thereto Subscribed and at another #
 # Court held for said County the 27th day of July 1778 #
 # the said Will was further proved by the Oath of #
 # Thomas Campbell another Witness thereto Subscribed #
 # and Ordered to be recorded and on the Motion of #
 # Catharine Smellser, John Pearcey, and John Sharp. #
 # The Executors therein Named who made Oath According #
 # to Law Certificate is Granted them for Obtaining #
 # Probate thereof in due form giving Security where- #
 # upon they Together with Gross Scruggs and Harry #
 # Buford their Securities Entered into and Acknow- #
 # ledged their Bond in the Penalty of Three Thousand #
 # Pounds for the Said Executors due and faithful Ad- #
 # ministration of the said Decedents Estate and per- #
 # formance of his Will #

Teste J. Steptoe, Cl.

Will Book 1, #
 # page 305. #

Circuit Court of Bedford County, Va.

 There is no documented evidence currently available which proves that Paulser
 Smelser (husband of Molly Gordon) is the son of Paulser whose will was prepared
 in 1777. Upon contacting two descendants of Paulser, "Jr." (Mrs. M. C. Matthes
 and Paul Edward Smelser, both of whom, by the way, should be accredited with as-
 sembling many of the family names in this chapter), I was told that they had not
 been aware of the older Paulser Smelser and had always believed Paulser, Jr. to
 have been the emigrating ancestor, coming to America ca 1780. Mr. Paul Edward
 Smelser notes: "We had always accepted him as being the emigrating ancestor. So
 far as I have been able to find out, this was on the basis of verbal statements

by his grandson, Sanford Smelser. Supposedly he left a farm in Virginia on which a city or town was later built, and moved to Kentucky. I have always felt that deserting a farm did not exactly sound like an emigrant. Incidentally, a duel was supposed to have had something to do with his moving or coming to this country. These are all legends with no supporting evidence."

It should be noted that (1) there is a similarity of names of children of both Paulsers (2) Paulser (who m. Molly Gordon), age-wise, could qualify as Paulser's son and (3) allegedly both Paulsers were in Virginia at the same time.

Close to the Virginia county of Bedford (which was formed in 1753-54 from Albemarle and Lunenburg Counties) is Montgomery which was formed in 1776-77 from Fincastle, Botetourt, and Pulaski Counties.

There is no apparent proof that the Smelsers in Montgomery and Bedford Counties were immediately related, or that the Paulser Smelser of Fincastle County (1773) and the owner of land on Crab Creek (1754) is either of the two men already discussed. According to one source, on 9-8-1773 in the Fincastle County Court, Paulser Smelser was Plaintiff in a case against John Ellswick.⁸⁴ This same source also records the following: "At a Court held for Montgomery County on Tuesday, the 3d of March 1778 -- Daniel Mullen brought before this Court on Suspicion of Feloniously Stealing a hog supposed to be the Property of Jacob Smelser. Whereupon Samuel Newberry was Sworn and Examined as a Witness against him and the sd. Mullen heard in his own defence in Consideration of which and of the Circumstances relating thereto, the Court were of opinion that he is guilty of sd. Charge, and that he receive Twenty Five lashes on his bare back well laid on or pay the sum of Ten pounds, and Further to give Security for his good behavior for Twelve Months and a day, himself in the sum of one hundred pounds and Two Secrs. in the sum of Fifty each."⁸⁵ I cannot identify this Jacob (perhaps he is a brother of Paulser the elder?), but am mentioning him here only because of his proximity to Bedford County.

The following John Smelser might plausibly be the son of Paulser, Sr.:

Deeds - Montgomery County (Va.) ⁸⁶

	Grantor	Grantee	Con.	Location
1787, June 5	Smelser, John	Hornberger, Jacob	55 292	Crab Creek
1788, December 26	Smelser, John and wife Mary	Bowles, Wm.	L50 148	Crab Creek

In "August, 1764 -- John Smelzer was convicted in Sweet Springs District Court of slandering Joseph Ghent."⁸⁶ Is this the same man, 23 years younger and undomesticated?

Upon four different occasions, Chalkley mentions Paulser Smelser on Crabb Creek, a branch of New River, found in the old Augusta Co., Va., records. At that time, Augusta County extended from southwest Virginia up almost to Pittsburgh, Pa.

"Jan. 1754 -- Crabb Creek, corner Palser Smelser." ⁸⁷

"February 22, 1768 -- deed, corner Poulson Smelser." 88

"March, 1769 -- Palzer Smelzer vs Frederick Stem. -- Frederick Stem of New River, 1761. 'Kept off by face of arms.'" 89

"17th of May 1769 -- deed, corner Palser Smallser." 90

The name Paulser Smelser appears in the Christian Co., Ky. census (7-22-1800, from tax lists).

From Chalkley's volume II of Augusta Co., Va., records:

p. 329 Jacob Smiltzer and Conrad Plum, surety. (marriage bonds, Augusta Co.) March 16, 1797. Jacob Smiltzer and Catharine Thorabourgh, dau. of Michael Thoroborgh deceased. "This day Conrad Plum (Blum) made oath that Katy Thoroborgh who is about to intermarry with Jacob Smelzer, has before been married and is above age of 21."

Vol III, p. 321: Augusta County Deed Book, No. 6, p. 64. To Palzer Smalzer 440 acres, part of a patent to Patton on Crabb Creek, a branch of New River. Con. Ebenezer Westcott, 13 Jan. 1754.

Vol III, p. 452: "Corner" of Palser Smallser mentioned in deed of Ebenezer Wascoat of South Carolina, and Jacob Shell, of Augusta County or Jacob Lorton 17 May 1767, regarding a tract of land on Crab Creek, a branch of New River.

Vol III, p. 465: "Corner" of Poulson Smelser mentioned in deed of Jacob Lorton and Lydia to James Bane, 3 Feb. 1768.

The above deeds show that Palzer Smelzer obtained land on Crabb Creek in 1754 and was there in 1767, 1768 and 1769.

NOTE: Kentucky was a part of Fincastle Co., Va., until 1775. Lincoln Co., Ky., was one of the first three counties formed in the new state -- this was in 1790. Apparently Mercer Co., Ky. (formed 1785 from Lincoln Co.) was once called Old Craborchard, Lincoln Co., Ky. Paulser Smelser and Mary Gordon were m. in Mercer Co. in 1793 (?). Crabb Creek is possibly in Kentucky (as we now call it) and not Virginia. This being so, it would certainly locate Paulser Smelser, Sr. and Peter Smelser (m. Barbara Garnhart) in the same general areas, and bear out my original assumption that the two men are brothers or first cousins. (displacing the theory that Peter is the son of Valentine)

Other Virginia records show Smelsers in the state as late as 1838:

From Roanoke County marriage records (Roanoke is next to Bedford):
October 13, 1838 SMETZER, JACOB and EVALINE BLANKENSHIP

Rockingham County, Virginia: (marriages)

1. ADAM SMELCER and MARY KRETZINGER, Feb. 28, 1797
2. NANCY SMELSER and WILLIAM READY, Aug. 16, 1814.
3. JOHN SMELZER and CHRISTINA BLOSSER by Rev. John Brown July 1800-Dec. 31, 1823.

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From Rockingham County, Virginia, Military Vouchers in 1788:

Vouchers in Uriah Gartin's Co., No. 3 (a list) JACOB SMELLCER
GEORGE SMELCER, one horse

With all the foregoing in mind, I have linked the two men (Paulser of the 1777 will and Paulser, husband of Molly Gordon) as father and son, and trust that future data will come to light that will substantiate this action.

The preceding apodictic arguments re localities and family relationships still left other uncertainties. To wit, records of the below-listed Smelser marriages in Bedford undoubtedly include several of Paulser and Catherine Smelser's progeny. Perhaps the less timid reader will record some of the information in the family outline which follows the marriage records.

Marriage Bonds of Bedford Co., Virginia 91

1791, April 25	Smelser, Abraham and Sally Smith. Archibald Lamb, Surety. Consent of Samuel Greenwood, Uncle of Sally
1794, Jan. 17	Smelser, Stephen & Tabby Brown, dt. James. Archibald Lamb, Surety.
1819, Jan. 27	Smelser, Paulser & Matilda Robertson, dt. Thomas. Elijah Robertson, Surety.
1819, Nov. 6	Smelser, John & Rachel Agnew, dt. William. Joshua Burnett, Surety.
1821, March 28	Smelser, John, Jr. & Jane Burnett, dt. Joshua. Geo. Gross, Sure.
1822, Aug. 8	Smelser, Jesse & Polly Hambleton, dt. Fanny & Peter A. Jubal McCoy, Surety.
1824, Jan. 16	Smelser, Stephen & Susannah Martin. Joshua Burnett, Surety.
1824, Aug. 23	Smelser, Abraham & Judith Howard, dt. Pleasant. Jubal McCoy, S.
1825, Dec. 4	Smelser, John & Letha McCoy, dt. William. John C. Gray, Surety.
1837, Nov. 27	Smelser, Harry & Catherine Percy, dt. Henry. Thomas Percy, Surety. Married by William Harris, November 30, 1837.

PAULSER SMELSER, SR. and CATHARINE _____ had issue:

I. JOHN SMELSER

II. ABRAHAM SMELSER m. SALLY SMITH 4-25-1791 at Bedford Co., Va. (?)

III. STEPHEN SMELSER m. TABBY BROWN 1-17-1794 at Bedford Co., Va. (?) The 1810 census for Christian Co., Ky., lists Stephen Smelser, head of family:

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	
2 under 10	1 under 10		(This would place Stephen's and
2 10 - 16	1 10 - 16		wife's birth dates between 1765 -
1 26 - 45	1 26 - 45		1784.)

IV. PAULSER SMELSER, JR. m. MOLLY GORDON 1785/86 at Bourbon Co., Ky. or Mercer Co., Ky. Mary Gordon, wife of Paulser Smelser, is listed in the estate of John Gordon (Book B, p. 201, date 10-10-1797, Kentucky).⁹² She was of Irish descent, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Davis) Gordon. According to several descendants of Paulser, Jr., subject was born in Germany. Issue:

A. STEPHEN SMELSER b. 1806; d. ca 1875 near Doniphan, Mo. He m. (1) ELIZABETH GREATHOUSE of German descent, 1824. He m. (2) _____. Stephen and Elizabeth lived near Doniphan. They had issue:

1. SANFORD WAYNE SMELSER b. 11-16-1832 at Doniphan, Mo.; d. 2-8-1904 near Doniphan. He m. (1) NANCY J. DAVIS in 1860. She d. 1861. (2) MRS. _____ BREECE, a widow. Upon her decease, he m. (3) ELIZA (or LOUISE) WEBB b. ca 1865. She d. 4-30-1935 age 93. Sanford Wayne was a Baptist minister and county judge. He was reputedly a prominent man in small county politics and in business. He was a small frame man and had jet black hair which had not greyed at the time of his death. (Description from Paul Edward Smelser who also states that "old timers" recount what a brilliant man Sanford was.) He is buried at Grandin, Mo. SANFORD WAYNE and NANCY (DAVIS) SMELSER had issue:
 - a. HOUSTON HARMON SMELSER, SR. b. 11-3-1861 at Grandin, Mo.; d. 2-8-1936. He m. 11-9-1882 at Grandin SARAH FRANCES BROOKS b. 12-8-1861 at Pleasant Grove, Mo.; d. 8-11-1907. They are buried at Grandin. She is the daughter of Dr. William Brooks who m. Jane Vance in Kentucky 3-28-1850. Houston Harmon Smelser was a Baptist minister, farmer, and business man. Issue:
 - i. WILLIAM SANFORD SMELSER b. 9-4-1883 nine miles north of Doniphan (Ripley Co.); d. at Poplar Bluff, Mo. 6-15-1957. He m. 1-2-1910 GRACE MAY ETTINGER b. 12-31-1891. William Sanford Smelser (according to the Deems History of Butler County, Missouri, p. 198) was the minister "with the longest record of service in any Butler County church. . . pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Poplar Bluff continuously since 6-1-1907." He was reared on a farm near Grandin, and attended the public schools of Ripley and Carter Counties, graduating from Grand High School, and at the age of 18 received a teacher's certificate in Carter Co. and then taught school for two years at Cross Roads Rural School near Grandin. "From 1904 until 1907 he attended William Jewell College at Liberty, Mo., and was engaged in missionary work in the Cane Creek Association in the summer months. He was converted at the age of 13 and joined the Grandin Baptist Church on September 10, 1905. He was ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Rev. R. F. Carroll, pastor of the Grandin Baptist Church. The Rev. Smelser was first called to the Second Baptist Church of Poplar Bluff as supply pastor in 1907. He was soon selected as regular pastor of the church and has served in that capacity since June 1, 1907. Rev. Smelser attended one term at the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky., in 1909 and was a student at a summer session of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Ill., in 1916. . . A writer for many years, Rev. Smelser has published two books, 'Echoes from the Ozarks' and 'From the Pit to Prime Minister.'" 93 Issue:
 - i. MILDRED MARIE SMELSER b. 12-21-1910; m. 12-23-1931 MARION CHARLES MATTHES, Atty. He is a judge in the Federal Court of Appeals. Address: 34 The Orchards, St. Louis, Mo. Issue:
 - i. JOANNA MAY MATTHES b. 9-17-1934.
 - ii. MARION C. MATTHES, JR., b. 1-25-1931; d. 5-15-1948. Marion was adopted by Mildred and M. C.

- Matthes; he is the son by Judge Matthes' first marriage.
- ii. PAUL SPURGEON SMELSER b. 6-10-1920; m. 1-16-1944
VIRGINIA CATHERINE ASHBAUGH. Paul Spurgeon Smelser attended William Jewell College. Issue:
 - i. PAUL DAVID SMELSER b. 8-9-1953.
 - ii. PAMELA KAY SMELSER b. 1956.
 - iii. KENNETH JUDSON SMELSER b. 2-8-1929; d. 1-10-1930.
 - ii. NEWTON NATHANIEL SMELSER (twin) b. 3-20-1885 at Grandin; m. 3-4-__ at Grandin VIRDA HYATT b. 12-22-1890 at Craddock, Mo. She is the sister of Elizabeth who m. Abraham Moses Smelser, the brother of Nathaniel. She is the daughter of Frances (Smith) and Ezra Hyatt. Virda attended Liberty Ladies' College at Liberty, Mo. Subject is a Baptist minister at Kansas City, Mo.; he also taught school for a number of years. He attended Baptist Seminary at Troy, Mo., and received his A.B. from William Jewell College. Graduate work was at Missouri University. Address: Troy, Missouri. Issue:
 - i. JUNE ALICE SMELSER b. 6-18-1915 at Hoyt, Kans.; d. 8-1-1924. She is buried at Springfield, Missouri.
 - ii. NEWTON NATHANIEL SMELSER, JR. b. 9-17-1930 at St. Louis, Mo. He is a school teacher and was graduated from University of Missouri (Journalism). He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Add.: Troy.
 - iii. HENRY DANIEL SMELSER (twin) b. 3-20-1885 at Grandin; m. Feb., 1911 at Poplar Bluff, Mo. MYRTLE RANDOLPH b. 12-14-1888 at Oak, Ill., daughter of Charles Marion Randolph (b. 10-21-1870 at Oak; d. 1933) and Lumenna Barger (b. 10-21-1870 at Oak; d. 1912). Charles Marion Randolph is the son of James W. Randolph who m. Rebecca Morgan in 1864 at Oak, Ill. Lumenna Barger is the daughter of John D. S. Barger and Elizabeth Ford. Henry Daniel Smelser is a Civil Engineer. He was graduated from Valpraiso University in Indiana. Address: 601 N. High Street, Neosho, Missouri. Issue:
 - i. PAUL EDWARD SMELSER b. 11-21-1911 at Grandin; m. 1-1-1941 at home in York, Ala. (the Rev. O. D. Mason)
FRANCES WALKER b. 4-17-1920 at York. She is the dau. of Frank and Lillian (Green) Walker of York and sister of Hazel Walker who m. Harold Richard Smelser, brother of Paul Edward. Frances (Walker) Smelser's paternal grandparents are James P. Walker (b. 1839 at York; m. 11-28-1865) and Bethiah Green, also of York. James P. is the son of James G. Walker and Frances Louis who were m. 7-28-1832. Her maternal grandparents are Samuel D. Green (b. 10-5-1852 at York; d. 3-3-1939; m. 1-18-1874 at York) and Ophelia E. Jones (b. 3-16-1850 in Miss.; d. 12-6-1901). Ophelia Jones is the dau. of Riley Jones who m. 6-22-1848 Rebecca A. Chapman. Frances (Walker) Smelser is a member of the Dauphin Way Baptist Church in Mobile; is active in the Women's Missionary Union; and member of Eastern Star.

Paul Edward Smelser attended the St. Charles (Mo.) public schools and received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from the Missouri School of Mines (Rolla, Mo.) in 1934. He was Lt. Col. in Corps of Engineers, stationed in France and England, 1942-46. From 1934-37 he was an inspector, Tunnel Constr., Fort Pack Dam, Ft. Pack, Mont.; 1937-39, inspector of general construction, Tuscaloosa Lock and Dam, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; 1939-40, Mobile Dist., Ala., junior engineer hydraulics, econ. studies, preparing reports feasibility river improvements; 1941-42, project engineer building construction at Brookley Air Force Base, Mobile; 1946-54, hydraulic engineer at Mobile; 1954 to date, Specifications Writer, Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army. He is the author of two articles appearing in technical journals, and was listed in Who's Who in Engineering 1959 (p. 2274). Mr. Smelser was awarded the Victory Medal. He is a member of the Dauphin Way Baptist Church and the Rising Virtue Lodge No. 4 in Tuscaloosa. He is a 33^o Mason, Scottish Rite Bodies in Mobile. His hobbies are hunting and fishing. He was baptized by the novelist, James Howell Street, while the latter was still a minister. Address: 404 E. Fountainbleau, Mobile, Ala.

- i. FRANCES KAY SMELSER b. 2-6-1942 in Mobile, Ala.
- ii. THOMAS EDWARD SMELSER b. 9-25-1947 in Mobile.
- iii. DAVID RANDOLPH SMELSER b. 6-7-1954 in Mobile.
- ii. FINDLAY DAVID SMELSER b. 6-5-1913 at West Plains, Mo.; d. April, 1918 at Grandin and is buried at Grandin, Mo.
- iii. HAROLD RICHARD SMELSER b. 5-4-1917 at West Plains; m. 9-4-1940 at Tuscaloosa, Ala. HAZEL WALKER, daughter of Frank and Lillian (Green) Walker. Dr. Horace G. Williams officiated at the ceremony which was held at a private home. Harold Richard Smelser attended the public schools of St. Charles; received his A.B. from the Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene, Tex., 1947 (Bible major) and B.D. in 1950 from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of Ft. Worth (majoring in Theology and minoring in Education). He was T/Sgt. in the branch of Engineers during W.W.II, serving in New Guinea and the Philippines from 1943-47. He was pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Hannibal, Mo. from March, 1951 - July, 1959. He has since served the First Baptist Church at Kahoka, Mo. He was Pastor Advisor of the Bethel Associational Training Union 1952-59; President of Bethel Baptist Ministerial Alliance, 1958; Stewardship Chairman of the Wyanonda Baptist Assn., 1959-60; Pastor Advisor of Wyaconda Associational Brotherhood 1959-60. He led the Immanuel Baptist Church in the building of a new edifice which was dedicated on Easter Sunday, 3-29-1959. Address: 326 W. Court St., Kahoka, Missouri. Issue:

- i. DANIEL RICHARD SMELSER b. 10-19-1944 at Neosho.
 - iv. NELLIE JANE SMELSER b. 2-16-1887 at Grandin; d. 1-3-1888.
 - v. SOPHIA ADALINE SMELSER b. 12-20-1888; d. 3-29-1896 at Grandin.
 - vi. HOUSTON HARMON SMELSER, JR. b. 7-6-1891 at Grandin; m. 12-24-1914 at Bogard, Mo. NELLIE JANE ADAMS b. 7-28-1889. Address: Grandin, Mo. Issue:
 - i. ELBERT ADAMS SMELSER b. 2-5-1916; m. 8-15-1945 NORA DICKERSON. Address: Grandin, Mo.
 - ii. HARMON EDGAR SMELSER b. 8-12-1918. Add. Grandin.
 - iii. CHARLES KILTON SMELSER b. 8-14-1919; m. 7-6-1949 JOYCE KETTERMAN. Address: Grandin, Mo.
 - iv. WARREN HARDING SMELSER b. 11-28-1922; m. 6-20-1953 ANABELLE STUART.
 - v. GEORGE NEAL SMELSER b. 9-12-1926. He was graduated from Southwest State Teachers College at Springfield, Mo. Address: St. Louis, Mo.
 - vi. LAWRENCE BYRON SMELSER b. 7-26-1928; m. 8-15-1954 BEVERLY JEAN MAZE. Lawrence received a degree from Southwest State Teachers College. Address: St. Louis, Mo.
 - vii. ABRAHAM MOSES SMELSER b. 10-17-1893 at Grandin; d. 4-20-1959 and is buried at Grandin. He m. ELIZABETH HYATT, b. 4-20-1894, deceased.
 - viii. CLARENCE SPURGEON SMELSER b. 5-2-1896 at Grandin; m. RUBY _____. Add.: San Francisco or Plymouth, Calif.
 - ix. MARTHA FRANCES SMELSER b. 2-1-1899 at Grandin; m. 1924 at Poplar Bluff THOMAS WELDON b. 3-31-1900 at Fremont, Mo. Martha attended college one year. She is a Sunday School teacher (Baptist) and a member of Last Noble Grand Rebekah Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellow. Add.: Neosha, Mo. They had issue:
 - i. FINLEY HOUSTON WELDON b. 8-4-1926 at Gideon, Mo. Address: El Paso, Tex.
 - ii. THOMAS LEE WELDON b. 6-10-1933 at Neosho. Add.: Tulsa, Oklahoma.
 - x. EMMA ELIZA SMELSER b. 9-20-1901 at Grandin; d. from burns 11-13-1907.
 - xi. GRACIE VASHTI SMELSER b. 7-5-1905 at Grandin; m. 1928 at Poplar Bluff LESTER VINSON. Address: Ypsilanti or Inkster, Mich.
- SANFORD WAYNE and MRS. ____ (BREECE) SMELSER had issue:
- b. MATTHEW PAULSER SMELSER b. 9-4-(or 30) 1864; m. 8-19-1889 EMMA SPAULDING. They had issue:
 - i. MAUDIE SMELSER b. 8-11-1890; d. 8-6-1896.
 - ii. ROSCOE SMELSER b. 10-4-1892; d. 1956.
 - iii. DORA (DORIS?) SMELSER b. 6-22-1895. She m. _____ ADAMS.
 - iv. GLEN SMELSER b. 4-12-1897.
- SANFORD WAYNE and ELIZA (or LOUISA) (WEBB) SMELSER had issue:
- c. SUSAN (SUSIE) SMELSER b. 9-20-1867. She m. (1) BOB SULLIVAN (2)

ROBERT STANLEY (3) JAMES ALLEN. SUSAN and BOB SULLIVAN'S issue:

- i. IDA SULLIVAN m. _____ WYNN.
- ii. SAMUEL (SAM) SULLIVAN.

SUSAN (SMELSER) and ROBERT STANLEY had issue:

- iii. EZRA STANLEY.

SUSAN (SMELSER) and JAMES ALLEN had issue:

- iv. JAMES ALLEN.
- v. JESSE ALLEN d. 11-29-1956.

d. SOPHIA SMELSER b. 7-18-1873. She m. HOMER WOLF. Issue:

- i. MYRTLE WOLF, deceased.
- ii. JAMES WOLF, deceased.
- iii. IVA WOLF.
- iv. GABRIEL WOLF.
- v. ABRAHAM WOLF.

e. SAMANTHA SMELSER.

f. NANCY SMELSER.

g. WAYNE SMELSER, d. in early childhood.

h. SARAH SMELSER, d. in early childhood.

2. DAVID SMELSER b. 1835 at Doniphan, Mo.; d. 1916. He m. 1860 at Doniphan CATHERINE VAN ARNIM b. 1842 at Van Buren, Mo.; d. 1880. She is the daughter of William Van Arnim and Little Fawn who were m. 1826 in Kansas or Oklahoma Territory. DAVID and CATHERINE SMELSER had issue:

a. JAMES STEPHEN SMELSER b. 1864 at Hunter, Mo.; d. 1912. He m. 1910 in Oklahoma JEAN ALLARD b. 1885 in Okla.; d. 1914. She is the daughter of Jack Allard (b. 1860 in Okla. Terr.; d. 1921) and Susan (Gerard) Allard b. 1863 in Kans.; d. 1925. Jack and Susan Allard were m. 1880 in Dodge City, Kans. Jack is the son of Thomas Allard (m. 1850 in N.D.) and Rachel Crow. Susan Gerard is the daughter of Theodore and Rebecca (Ezell) Gerard who were m. 1859 in Kentucky. JAMES and JEAN (ALLARD) SMELSER had issue:

- i. GORDON PAUL SMELSER b. 11-11-1911 at Hunter, Mo.; m. Sept., 1936 DORIS SCOTT who d. 1945. The wedding ceremony was at the Methodist parsonage in Glasgow, Mont. Gordon Paul was educated in the public schools of Montana and Oklahoma. He attended Iberia (Missouri) Junior College 1929-32 and was graduated from the Missouri School of Mines at Rolla (Civil Engineering) in 1935. He was a Major in the Corps of Engineers during W.W.II, serving in the American, African and Middle East theatres of operation. He has been employed by the U.S. Government as Inspector and Civil Engineer since 1933. He is a Methodist and a Mason. Hobbies: hunting, fishing and reading. Travel: Mexico (1935) and Europe and Africa with the Army. Add.: White Sands, N.M. No issue.

- ii. GERARD P. SMELSER (twin) b. 11-11-1911 at Hunter, Missouri.

3. PAULSER SMELSER.

4. JASPER SMELSER.

5. SAMANTHA SMELSER m. MARSHALL STEPHENS.

6. WILLIAM (BILL) SMELSER.

STEPHEN and second wife had issue:

7. JOHN SMELSER.

B. WILLIAM SMELSER who moved to Arkansas or Nebraska. It is possible he was

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killed by the Indians.

C. ABRAHAM SMELSER who settled in Crawley's Ridge, northeast Arkansas.

D. MARY SMELSER, unmarried. She might have died young.

V. JESSEY SMELSER.

VI. BETTY SMELSER.

VII. MARY SMELSER.

VIII. REBECCA SMELSER m. 9-4-1786 at Bedford Co., Va., RICHARD GROSS, with Paulser Smelser surety.

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The following information was gleaned from census records for Ripley Co., Mo. It is my opinion that these individuals are descendants of Paulser Smelser who is listed in the above outline as individual IV:

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536-527	P. W. Smelser	33	male	farmer	Ky. (place of birth)
	E. W.	22	female		Ark.
	R. E.	4	female		Ark.
	J. W.	2.	male		Mo.

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36-36	R. W. Smelser	42	male	farmer	Ky.
	E. W.	32	female		Ark.
	R. E.	14	female		Mo.
	J. W.	12	male		Mo.
	M. E.	8	female		Mo.
	P. W.	7	male		Mo.
	<u>M. L.</u>	4	male		Mo.
	J. G.	1	male		Mo.

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					<u>his/r</u>	<u>father</u>	<u>mother</u>
78-78	P. W. Smelser	53	male	farmer	Ky.	Ky.	Ky.
	Martha E.	19		dau.	Mo.	Ky.	Ky.
	Palser W.	17		son	Mo.	Ky.	Ky.
	M. L.	14		son	Mo.	Ky.	Ky.
	Jasper G.	12		son	Mo.	Ky.	Ky.
	A. Franklin E.	9		son	Mo.	Ky.	Ky.
	Mary P.	6		dau.	Mo.	Ky.	Ky.
	Elizabeth W.	5		dau.	Mo.	Ky.	Ky.

Undoubtedly, the three heads of families mentioned are the same person. Could P. W. Smelser be Paulser, son of Stephen (b. 1806)? Stephen had a son, Sanford Wayne who was b. 1832; d. near Doniphan, Mo. Ripley Co. was formed in 1833 from Wayne Co.; the county seat is Doniphan.

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537-527 E. Smelser 53 fem. Ky. (head) A. J., 16 male Ark., W. H. 13 male, Ark.

E. Smelser does not appear in the 1870 or 1880 census records for Ripley Co., Mo. Her identity can only be surmised as being that of wife to William or Abraham, sons of Paulser (appearing as individual IV in family outline).

Could the following W. H. Smelser be the son of Stephen (b. 1806), and grandson of Paulser who m. Molly Gordon?

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29-29	W. H. Smelser	23	farmer	Ark.
	Muriel	19		Tenn.
	R. E.	1	female	Mo.

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			his/her	father's	mother's
W. H. Smelser	33	farmer	Ark.	Unknown	Unknown
Mary O.	27	wife	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.
Rebecca E.	11	dau.	Mo.	Ark.	Tenn.
Stephen J.	9	son	Mo.	Ark.	Tenn.
Samantha P.	7	dau.	Mo.	Ark.	Tenn.
Mary H.	4	dau.	Mo.	Ark.	Tenn.
Martha E.	2	dau.	Mo.	Ark.	Tenn.
Sarah S.	3	mos., dau.	Mo.	Ark.	Tenn.

Ripley Co., Mo., lies on the border of Arkansas, and aligns with Randolph Co., Ark. (formed in 1835 from Lawrence Co., Ark., with the county seat being Pocahontas). It is my surmisal that Jasper Smelser, head of family in the 1880 Ripley Co., Mo., census is the son of Stephen Smelser (b. 1806)

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			his/her	father's	mother's
205-205	Jasper Smelser	42	farmer	Ark.	-----
	Sarah L.	30	wife	Mo.	Ark.
	Mary E.	10	dau.	Ark.	Ark.
	Stephan C.	8	son	Ark.	Ark.
	Eliza J.	6	dau.	Ark.	Ark.
	Lewis M.	4	son	Ark.	Ark.
	Matilda A.	7	mos., dau.	Mo.	Ark.

Although there is a discrepancy of 10 years in the ages of Stephen Smelser who appears in the 1870 census below and the Stephen b. 1806, it is possible they are the same individuals. Eliza J. Smelser appears as the wife of F. P. Jones in the 1880 census.

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18-18	Stephen Smelser	54	farmer	Ky.
	Eliza J.	25		Ark.
	John 6, Ark.;	Sarah 24, Mo.;	M. H. 2	female, Mo.

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				his/hers	mother's	father's
58-58	F. P. Jones	43	farmer	Tenn.	N.C.	Tenn.
	Eliza J.	34	wife	Ark.	S.C.	Tenn.
	Mary J.	19	dau.	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.
	James P.	16	son	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.
	Susanna E.	9	dau.	Mo.	Tenn.	Ark.
	Adella M.	5	dau.	Mo.	Tenn.	Ark.
	Geo. W.	1	son	Mo.	Tenn.	Ark.
	Eliza J.	3	mos.	Mo.	Tenn.	Ark.
	John F. Smelser	16	step-son	Ark.	Ky.	Ark.
	Sarah E. Smelser	14	step-dau.	Ark.	Ky.	Ark.
	Mary A. Smelser	12	step-dau.	Ark.	Ky.	Ark.
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The following Smelser family, appearing in the 1880 census for Ripley Co., Mo., has not been identified:

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				his/hers	mother's	father's
49-49	H. A. Smelzer	54	Dr.	Prussia	Prussia	Prussia
	Anna	43		Pa.	Pa.	Pa.
	Ugene A.	6	son	Mo.	Prussia	Pa.

ABRAHAM SMELSER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

ABRAHAM SMELSER. Although one source (from the Paulser line) indicates that Abraham (son of Paulser, Jr.) settled in Crawley's Ridge in northeast Arkansas, it would be possible for Abraham to have remained in Arkansas for a period before moving to Ohio. Many Smelsers who live in Kansas, and whose ancestors had lived in Ohio, were able to trace their forbears back to an ABRAHAM SMELSER b. in Pa.; m. JUDITH _____. I should like to suggest that this second Abraham is the son of Paulser and Molly (Gordon) Smelser -- this on the slender knowledge of the marriage of an Abraham Smelser and Judith Howard, daughter of Pleasant Howard, which was 8-23-1824 in Bedford Co., Va. Jubal McCoy was surety. I make this connection on the basis of the fact that the second Abraham (who m. Judith) had a son named Pleasant. The father of Judith Howard had the same name, and it is a rather unusual one. Upon approaching one of the grandchildren of Pleasant Smelser, I was informed by her (Mrs. Milford Gordon Willett): "I think you are correct in assuming that Abraham and Judith were grandad's parents, for I have heard of Abraham most of my life and there are cousins of varying degrees named Judith -- children of grandad's brother John and whose daughter was named Judith. My mother often told me her grandmother was from Virginia and spoke with a decided southern dialect." ABRAHAM and JUDITH (HOWARD) SMELSER had issue:

- I. ABRAHAM SMELSER b. 1839 m. 8-17-1863 in Miami Co., Ohio CATHERINE SULLENBERGER. Abraham Smelser served as private, Co. H of the 147th O.V.I. during the Civil War. He enlisted 5-2-1864 and was paid for 100 days, being mustered out 8-30-1864. At one time, Abraham and Catherine were Quakers. (per records of Van Wert Meeting, Ohio) I believe that Abraham and Catherine moved to Adams Co., Ind., and had issue in that state. Joseph Elmer Smelser, to whom so much credit for information on this branch of the Smel-

ser family should be given, suggested that I might find descendants of Abraham and Catherine in the Ft. Wayne, Ind., area. Ft. Wayne, county seat for Allen Co., would certainly be close enough to Adams Co., Ind. -- they are in juxtaposition -- to rather certainly claim the following descendants of ABRAHAM and CATHERINE SMELSER:

A. ELMER E. SMELSER b. 1863 in Ind.; m. 9-20-1891 in Adams Co., Ind. (Book F, p. 329) OLIVE BELL RUBY b. 1874, daughter of Lucinda (Bolds) and Frank Ruby. They were married by J. L. Huber. The record shows that Elmer was a farmer and his parents are Abraham and Catherine (Sulombaugh) Smelser. Issue:

1. MALE b. 7-7-1895 in Adams Co. (Book H3, p. 37).
2. ETHEL SMELSER b. 4-2-1899 in Adams Co. (Book H4, p. 7); m. VILAS HUSER 11-20-1917 in Adams Co. (Book K, p. 287).
3. MALE b. 10-3-1903 in Adams Co. (Book H8, p. 5).
4. MALE b. 9-18-1906 in Adams Co. (Book H4, p. 20).
5. GORDON SMELSER b. 6-15-1909 in Adams Co. (Book H11, p. 48). He might have been named for his great-grandmother, Molly (Gordon) S.
6. RUBY O. SMELSER b. 10-4-1911 in Adams Co. (Book H15, p. 9).
7. HUGO D. SMELSER b. 10-17-1914 in Adams Co. (Book H15, p. 90).

II. LEWIS SMELSER b. Ohio and probably lived in area of Van Wert Co., Ohio.

III. ROBERT SMELSER b. Ohio and d. in young manhood.

IV. JESSE SMELSER b. Ohio and d. in boyhood from a tree falling on him.

V. JOHN SMELSER b. Ohio; m. in Lafayette (Tippecanoe Co.), Ind. ELLA BRUTIS ? John d. in Topeka, Kansas. Issue:

A. JUDITH MAUDE SMELSER b. 1883 in Lafayette, Ind.; d. 1934 in Topeka, Kans. One member of the family said they were m. 1901 near Willard, Kans. Another source indicated that Judith M. remarried after Mr. Garwood's death a man named Marquis and possibly had a child by him. Judith m. at Valancia, Kans. VERNON ALVA GARWOOD b. 1859 in Ohio; d. 1910 at Topeka. He is the son of Sarah and Abraham Garwood. Issue:

1. ESTHER MARIE GARWOOD b. 1-2-1902 in Willard, Kans.; m. 5-24-1922 at Topeka WILLIAM THOMAS COCHRAN b. 4-21-1902 at St. Mary's, Kans. Add. 1220 Eugene, Topeka, Kansas. Mr. Cochran is the son of Nannie Ellen (Pauley) b. 1872 in Kans.; d. 1952 in Kans. and William Thomas Cochran b. 1866 in Ky.; d. 1954 in Kans. ESTHER and W. T.'s issue:
 - a. LOLA ELLEN COCHRAN b. 8-12-1923 in Topeka; m. THOMAS E. DAVIS b. 5-9-1917 in Kansas. Add.: 339 W. Ash, Junction City, Kans.
 - i. MICHAEL EDWIN DAVIS b. 3-2-1948 in Junction City, Kans.
 - ii. PATRICIA LEIGH DAVIS b. 11-26-1952 in Junction City.
 - b. MINA KAY COCHRAN b. 1-27-1938 in Topeka; m. ROBERT GLEN SAMPLE b. 6-24-1935 at Topeka. Add.: Route 1, Lecompton, Kans.
 - i. ROBERT GLEN SAMPLE, JR. b. 4-9-1956 at Topeka.
2. EDNA CLAIR GARWOOD b. 3-14-1907 in Topeka; m. 4-16-1927 in Topeka (Rev. Reed) JAMES MC CARRON b. 2-23-1897 at Dover, Kans. Mrs. McCarron belongs to the Methodist Church and Y.W.C.A. She serves on the Election Board. Address: 1107 E. Main St., Enid, Okla. Issue:
 - a. DONALD GARWOOD MC CARRON b. 5-17-1930 at Topeka; m. 12-23-1950 at Ft. Mounth, N. J. DOROTHY JEAN JOHNSTON b. at Siloam Springs in Ark., daughter of Carol and LaVern Johnston. Mr. McCarron was with the U.S.A.F. for 27 mos. He is a night foreman in the composing room for the Oklahoma Publishing Co. Address: 24295

52nd St., Oklahoma City, Okla. They had issue:

- i. JAMES DONALD MC CARRON b. 9-20-1951 at Rome, New York.
- ii. SUSAN CAROL MC CARRON b. 3-23-1954 at Argentia, Newfoundland.

3. ANNA MILDRED GARWOOD b. 3-27-1916 at Topeka; m. DALLAS GLAZE b. in Jan., 1917. Employed at Ledo Welding Co. Add.: Box 1898, Ponca City, Okla.

B. BESSIE SMELSER b. Lafayette, Ind.; m. SAMUEL VERHAGE. Issue:

- 1. BESSIE VERHAGE m. CHARLES CARLSON. Add.: Longanoxie, Kansas.

C. JOHN SMELSER b. 8-26-1888 in Topeka or Valancia, Kans.; m. at Willard, Kans. MAMIE SCOFIELD b. 3-20-1896 at Guthrie, Okla. Address: 2427 Michigan, Topeka, Kans. JOHN and MAMIE (SCOFIELD) SMELSER had issue:

- 1. MARVIN SMELSER b. 10-10-1915 at Willard. Add.: 2427 Mich., Topeka.
- 2. VELMA SMELSER b. 10-18-1918 in Topeka.
- 3. ERMA SMELSER b. 7-23-1920 at Willard.

D. GRACE SMELSER b. Topeka; m. VICTOR CLARK.

VI. JOSEPH SMELSER b. 9-1-1845 in Ohio; m. (1) 12-23-1869 in Ind. GEORGE ANNA GOLDEN who d. 12-15-1878 in Grantville, Kans. (2) 7-20-1881 at Topeka, K. ALURA KING b. 5-26-1860; d. 5-26-1902 and buried at Dover, Kans. (3) 1903 probably in Ohio MRS. ELLA MONROE. They were divorced 1904. (4) 11-18-1911 GILIANN SHELTON d. 12-29-1923. Joseph Smelser moved to Missouri from Ohio and pressed on to Kansas in the 1860's or 1870's. JOSEPH and GEORGE ANNA (GOLDEN) SMELSER had issue:

A. NANNIE SMELSER b. 11-5-1870 in Grantville; d. 12-30-1883; buried there.

B. ELLA MAY SMELSER b. 1-8-1872 in Grantville; d. 4-25-1912 and is buried in the Topeka Cemetery at Topeka. She m. ABE STAGGS.

C. EDITH CARRIE SMELSER b. 1-14-1873 at Grantville; d. 11-28-1957 and is buried at Soldier, Kans. She m. at Topeka JACOB COOK. No issue.

D. MARY EFFIE SMELSER b. 12-3-1875 at Grantville; m. at Dover, Kans. to JULIAN KIENE. They had issue:

- 1. KENNETH KIENE b. 12-29-1907. Add.: 911 LaCadena, Apt. 3, Arcadia, California.

E. HARRY SMELSER b. 12-1-1877 at Grantville; m. 6-6-1906 at Topeka EVA MIRTLE WALTON. They had issue:

- 1. HAROLD LEON SMELSER b. 5-21-1908 at Topeka; m. 7-10-1932 at Topeka MARY JUANITA ROGERS. Address: 1716 Quincy St., Topeka. Issue:
 - a. RICHARD HAROLD SMELSER b. 12-27-1936 at Topeka. He served four years in the U.S.N. and is a student at Washburn College.
 - b. DEANNA LEE SMELSER b. 5-4-1938 at Topeka. She is a school teacher and was graduated from Washburn College.

JOSEPH and ALURA (KING) SMELSER had issue:

F. EDGAR KING SMELSER b. 7-25-1882 at Topeka; d. 12-22-1908, and is buried in the Dover Cemetery.

G. CHARLES ORVILLE SMELSER b. 1-5-1884 at Topeka; d. 4-8-1898 and is buried in the Dover Cemetery.

H. VINTON HOWARD SMELSER b. 6-30-1888 at Topeka; d. 7-25-1958 and is buried in the Dover Cemetery.

I. VEONA ALURA SMELSER b. 7-30-1890 at Valancia, Kans.; m. 6-16-1915 at Topeka RAY FRANKS. Address: 1026 Quincy St., Topeka. Issue:

- 1. DEAN EDWARD FRANKS b. 1-13-1927; d. 7-26-1958 and is buried in the Topeka Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas.

J. LEORA JUNE SMELSER b. 12-18-1889 in Valanca; d. 1-11-1934. She m. (1) 11-11-1911 at Topeka LELAND JUDSON PARAMORE (2) 1-9-1952 HARRY HAUSCHILD. Mrs. Hauschild and Mrs. Franks were both very helpful in contributing data on their immediate family. Add.: 700 Topeka Ave., Topeka.

1. MARY JEANNE PARAMORE b. 11-20-1917; d. 2-12-1956 and is buried in Englewood, Calif. She m. _____ MC KINNEY.

2. LELAND DON PARAMORE b. 6-22-1924; d. 8-23-1960 and buried at Topeka.

K. VERNA MAY SMELSER b. 6-22-1892 at Valanca; d. 1-6-1898; bur. Dover Cem.

L. VERLIE SMELSER b. 2-3-1889 at Topeka; d. 2-7-1899; buried at Dover.

M. HAZEL SMELSER (twin) b. 5-11-1902 at Topeka; d. 5-11-1902.

N. ESSIE SMELSER (twin) b. 5-11-1902 at Topeka; d. 5-11-1902.

VII. PLEASANT SMELSER (twin) b. 12-2-1840 in Ohio; d. 4-21-1917 at Topeka and is buried at the Topeka Cemetery with his wife. He m. 2-12-1863 at Piqua (Miami Co.), Ohio SARAH SWANK b. 4-6-1856; d. 10-22-1925, age 79-6-16. Pleasant served in Co. H of the 147th O.V.I. during the Civil War. He was a very great admirer of Abraham Lincoln for whom he was a body guard during the war, and from whom he received a letter of commendation. Because of this great admiration, he and Sarah chose to be married on a Sunday in 1863 on Lincoln's birthday. The photograph of Pleasant and Sarah Smelser (see Family Album) was forwarded by Mrs. Willett, along with the explanation: ". . . taken on their fiftieth wedding anniversary when they secured a copy of the original marriage license from Piqua, Ohio and got married all over again at a reception. It was quite an affair as I recall. All the Old Veterans of the Civil War were there and also the one Confederate soldier that lived in our neighborhood who also belonged to this Old Veterans Club. In this day of unforgiving and reliving prejudices, can you imagine such an organization? But it did exist and Mr. Fish attended the club meetings as long as he lived and they all refought the Civil War both sides of it, ended up by having refreshments of cake, ice cream and coffee, and usually singing together as a last act of fellowship." Pleasant Smelser was a farmer and woodsman. The following family traditions were also described by Mrs. Willett: "Grandad loved to butcher in the fall and provide his family with all the goodies old timers valued, and in retrospection, they were definitely of Pennsylvania dutch flavor. One dish he prepared at butchering time was a cornmeal mush with meat called by him Pfannhaus. Head cheese was another of his specialties as well as all the good sausages you could name, some of which were smoked with hickory wood. He continued this ritual in town upon his retirement, for it seemed you weren't properly cognizant of your family's food necessities unless these were prepared at home with the help of your wife and daughter. It was a good way of life. Sauerkraut was prepared in a huge stone crock and it provided in flavor what it lacked in glamor." Not known is information on Sarah's side of the family. Mrs. Willett recalls she had a full brother named Nelson "whom she provided for all his life for the reason he found that living easy. He was personable, able to work, but seemed allergic to it except when he ran out of money. She had a full sister Elizabeth, too, but from there on there were half sisters, step sisters, and some I just can't fit into the picture." PLEASANT and SARAH (SWANK) SMELSER had issue:

A. JOHN ALBIN SMELSER b. 4-5-1865 in Piqua, Ohio; d. 12-2-1935 at Topeka and is buried in the Rochester Cemetery in Topeka. He m. 12-16-1888 in Topeka FLORA MAGEE and had 11 children. Issue:

1. RUTH SMELSER b. in Topeka and living in Houston, Texas. She m. ALVIN

- STONE and had a large family.
2. ROBERT SMELSER b. Topeka; deceased (unm.) as a result of automobile accident.
 3. EFFIE SMELSER deceased, b. in Topeka.
 4. ALLEN A. SMELSER b. Topeka; m. PEARL STEVENS of "Bavarian extraction, her father having been a Count in Bavaria and fled to U.S. penniless and Pearl was born in this country." He has a fire extinguishing company. Address: 544 Twiss Ave., Topeka, Kansas. Issue:
 - a. ALLEN LUTHER SMELSER b. 3-7-1918 in Topeka; m. 10-2-1951 in Hague, Netherlands MARGARET MOORE.
 - b. LYLE D. SMELSER b. 10-29-1921 in Vinita, Okla.; m. 3-16-1946 at Topeka DOROTHY LOUISE GOODMAN. Address: 430 Sumner, Topeka. They had three children.
 - c. FLORA MARGARET SMELSER b. 6-22-1923 in Topeka; m. 7-19-1942 in Topeka ROBERT WILLIAM DRAIN.
 - d. PEARL INA SMELSER b. 12-8-1926 in Topeka; m. 10-31-1945 in Topeka WILLIAM JAMES STANTEY.
 5. DELOSS (DELORES?) SMELSER deceased, b. in Topeka.
 6. CARL SMELSER deceased, b. Topeka. He was in Europe W.W.I, U.S. Army.
 7. EARL SMELSER deceased, b. Topeka. Died age 8 from meningitis.
 8. GILBERT H. SMELSER, unm.; b. Topeka. Add.: 1127 Monroe Ave., Topeka.
 9. INA SMELSER deceased, b. Topeka. Died age 54. She m. WILLIAM PANKRATZ. Issue:
 - a. WILLIAM PANKRATZ, JR. d. age 14.
 - b. MARY PANKRATZ, a trained nurse.
 - c. JOHN CARL PANKRATZ.
 10. LYLE L. SMELSER b. Topeka; m. 4-23-1936 in Topeka VIVIAN STANLEY. Address: 732 Twiss Avenue, Topeka. Issue:
 - a. MALE b. 12-25-1942 at Topeka.
 11. ELMER SMELSER b. in Topeka.
- B. FLORENCE ELIZABETH SMELSER b. 12-30-1868 in Piqua, O.; d. 2-27-1955 in Denver, Colo. and is buried in Topeka Cemetery. She m. 1-1-1889 at Topeka HENRY ELMER SHULER b. 3-27-1861 in Hamilton, O., a descendant of Samuel Schuyler line and who (Samuel) changed the spelling to Schuler. Henry's father changed it again to Shuler. The Schuyler family have been traced through to John Schuyler, a Dutch Mayor in Albany, N.Y., grandfather of Samuel and General Philip Schuyler. FLORENCE and HENRY'S issue:
1. WILLIAM E. SHULER b. 2-18-1891; d. 10-26-1893 of diptheria at the age of two years and eight months.
 2. MARY LUSETTA SHULER b. 2-3-1895; m. in Topeka JAMES R. L. CLAYTON, deceased. Address: Golden, Colo. Summer: Pines, Colo. Issue:
 - a. WENDELL R. L. CLAYTON b. 8-15-1920 in Kansas City, Mo. He is a television engineer for CBS in Chicago. Address: 1105 Fair Oaks, Deerfield, Ill. Issue:
 - i. MARY CLAYTON.
 - ii. JAMES CLAYTON.
 - iii. THOMAS CLAYTON.
 3. DOROTHY SARAH SHULER b. 10-4-1902; m. (1) 6-5-1926 in Topeka HOWARD TOON HART and divorced 3-20-1930 in Topeka. She m. (2) 12-11-1942 at Waukegan, Ill. MILFORD GORDON WILLETT b. 9-15-1903 at Chariton, Iowa,

son of Cora (Mingles) and Virgil Willett, both of whom died when he was 10 years old. I am truly grateful to Mrs. Willett for her assistance in compiling the Smelser history. Address: 1620 Grant St., Denver 3, Colo. Summer: Rio Vista, Pines, Colo. Issue:

- a. JACK HOWARD HART b. 9-30-1927 in Topeka; d. 10-17-1941 in Denver; buried at Crown Hill Cemetery in Denver. He d. from injuries incurred during a gym class at Lake Junior High School.

- C. JESS ALLEN SMELSER b. 11-16-1871 in Piqua, O.; m. (1) 3-23-1893 in Topeka DOLLY SELLER (SELLERS?), deceased (2) NELLY CAVANAUGH in Topeka (3) in Topeka HARRIETT FETHERSON or FETTERKILE b. in Ind. In 1945 Harriett fell on the ice, injured her kneecap and died during an operation to remove a bloodclot. Dolly lived 9 mos. after her marriage, at which time she d. of consumption. Jess Allen is a carpenter and resides in California with his daughter, Mrs. Munger. JESS ALLEN and NELLY (CAVANAUGH) had issue:

1. LOUISE ALLEN SMELSER b. in Topeka; deceased.
2. DOLLY SMELSER b. in Topeka; m. RALPH MUNGER. Address: 4896 Cedar Street, El Monte, Calif.
3. V. HELEN SMELSER b. in Topeka; m. (1) _____ JACKSON, divorced (2) VERNON WOLFE, d. Nov. 1960 in Denver. Issue:
 - a. MALE living in Topeka.
 - b. SANDRA WOLFE living in Pennsylvania (?).

- D. JOSEPH ELMER SMELSER b. 9-20-1875 in Lafayette, Ind.; m. (1) 4-27-1905 in Topeka ANNA JOHNSON b. 5-23-1876 in Topeka, daughter of Gustava (Karlson) b. 1836 in Sweden; d. 10-17-1898 and John Peter Johnson b. 1-3-1836 at Hoova, Sweden; d. 9-23-1921. John Peter Johnson is the son of John Johanson. Anna d. 9-15-1956 and is buried in Topeka Cemetery. Joseph m. (2) 6-1-1957 at Topeka MRS. MARIETTA (PARSONS) PLAISTED, another childhood sweetheart. Subject is a contractor and builder and came to Topeka with his parents by covered wagon in 1876. Mr. Smelser has been most cooperative in assisting with compilation of family data. Address: 1111 W. 4th Street, Topeka, Kansas. JOSEPH ELMER and ANNA had issue:

1. JOSEPH ELSWORTH SMELSER b. 1-1-1911 at Topeka; m. 8-19-1955 at Topeka (the Rev. Vernon Scott of First Christian Church) HELEN KATHERINE (JOHANNING) MONTGOMERY b. 9-27-____, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Johanning. Dr. Smelser was with the Medical Corps during W.W.II, serving 19 mos. in China and 3 mos. in India. He received his A.B. in 1939 and B.S. in 1940 from Washburn College and M.D. in 1943 from University of Kansas. He is Deacon in the First Church of Christ. His interests include photography, Boy Scouts. He has been staff physician for the Topeka V.A. Hospital since 1948. Address: 5018 W. 25th St. Terrace, Topeka, Kans. He has a step-son (his wife's first marriage) who is living at home with subject. William Robert Montgomery was b. 2-25-1945 in Denver, Colo.

- E. EDGAR CARL SMELSER b. 9-25-1878 near Topeka; d. 5-14-1948 age 70 and 8 mos.; d. and buried at Topeka. He m. (1) in Topeka GRACE WOODS d. 1916 age 33 yrs. 5 days. He m. (2) ALTA _____ (3) ELLEN _____. Mr. Smelser was a carpenter. There were issue by first wife:

1. FLORENCE EDITH SMELSER b. in Topeka and m. there to MARSHALL ROGERS. They live in Texas and have one son.
2. ALFRED PLEASANT SMELSER b. in Topeka; m. in Topeka LOIS WILSON.
 - a. GRACE SMELSER b. in Topeka; m. _____ MC CARTER. Live in Topeka.

3. EMMET SMELSER b. in Topeka; living in Elgin, Ill. Three children.
4. EDWIN SMELSER b. in Topeka; deceased; m. in Topeka AUDREY CASTLE.
5. KENNETH SMELSER d. age 10 of an injury.
6. NORMAN SMELSER b. Oct., 1902; deceased spring of 1961. Issue:
 - a. NORMALIE SMELSER
 - b. BILLIE SMELSER who d. in a motorcycle accident during his teens.
7. SARAH ELLEN SMELSER d. age 18 mos., of a stomach ailment.
8. MYRON SMELSER d. age 24.
9. GRACE SMELSER. She was killed in an accident, age 16 or 18. She had been adopted by her uncle, JOSEPH ELMER SMELSER.
- F. GEORGE NELSON SMELSER b. 7-29-1881 near Topeka; d. 4-12-1950 age 69 & 10 mos., of a heart ailment. He d. in Topeka and is buried in the Topeka Cemetery. He m. (1) 12-23-1903 at Topeka LUCILLE PENNEBAKER, div. (2) LULU MC CARTY, deceased (3) NONA MC CARTY, sister of Lulu. Mr. Smelser was a machinist. Mrs. Nona Smelser lives in Salt Lake City with her only living sister, Mrs. John Farmer, also a widow. GEORGE NELSON and LUCILLE (PENNEBAKER) SMELSER had issue:
 1. MARGARET SMELSER b. in Topeka and living in Portland, Oregon.
 2. SARA FRANCES SMELSER b. in Topeka and living in Portland.
- VIII. JAMIMA SMELSER (twin) b. 12-2-1840 in Ohio; d. at Boner Springs, Idaho. She m. 8-25-1859 in Miami Co., O. (1) GEORGE C. JOHNSON (2) name and place not known. JAMIMA (JEMIMA ?) (SMELSER) and GEORGE C. JOHNSON had issue:
 - A. ROBERT JOHNSON m. _____. They were separated. Mr. Johnson and his son Rob Roy were visiting in Topeka in 1917 or 1918 at which time they were on their way to Roumania on an oil job. Nothing further is known about them at this time. Issue:
 1. ROBERT ROY JOHNSON.
- IX. CAROLINE SMELSER (pronounced Carline) b. in Ohio; d. at Lincoln, Nebr. She m. ADAM KISSINGER.
- X. ELIZABETH SMELSER b. in Ohio; m. WILLIAM DILL.
- XI. SARAH ANN SMELSER b. in Ohio; m. ABE BORKAW. They lived in Van Wert, Ohio, area. Issue:
 - A. LINCOLN BORKAW m. _____. He operated or owned a motel in Cold Water, Michigan. He had three daughters.
- XII. NANCY (middle name JANE ?) SMELSER b. in Ohio; m. 11-6-1860 in Miami Co., O. AARON SULLENBERGER.
- XIII. BENJAMIN SMELSER d. in infancy.
- XIV. HANNAH SMELSER m. in Indiana THOMAS GOODEN. From Mrs. M. G. Willett (and how grateful I am to her for her precious help!): "Hannah -- I believe was one of grandad's youngest sisters. She was a very close friend of mine as well as being my aunt. I cherish a handmade quilt made by her that contains pieces from even her mother's percale dress and she hand quilted it herself. It was a gift to me about 1924 because she felt her time was running out and hadn't time to piece me a brand new quilt. She was right. Sorrow struck her down that year. Tommy her husband had died some years previous and she lived with her daughter Laura Stone and her husband and son Ralph. Laura died of Phlebitis and that left Aunt Hannah at the mercy of her son Will who was a widower living with his teenage daughters Mildred and Buena and young son William. Aunt Hannah had buried one child Eddie many years before and with Tommy gone and Laura, it just didn't seem worth while to linger on this old planet. She died a natural death of gall

stones." HANNAH (SMELSER) and THOMAS GOODEN had issue:

- A. LIZZIE GOODEN d. in Indiana.
- B. WILLIAM GOODEN who d. and is buried in Topeka. He has issue:
 - 1. MILDRED GOODEN
 - 2. BUENA GOODEN
 - 3. WILLIAM GOODEN, JR.
- C. EDDIE GOODEN d. and buried at Topeka.
- D. LAURA GOODEN d. and buried at Topeka. She m. _____ STONE. Issue:
 - 1. RALPH STONE

NOTES BETWEEN PAGES 191 - 211:

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PART ★ FIVE

POTPOURRI -- If the foregoing chapters are the haricot to the family palate, this division is soupçon potpourri which is the postprandial pleasure of the gourmet. The ingredients have the same qualities...a dash of compassion...a sprinkle of heroism...a peppercorn of jocularity...and a redolent meas-

ure of individuality. Whether or not heads of families listed here are siblings to those in previous partitions, is debatable; the importance lies in the knowledge that all are basted by the original Creator.

SUZANNAH SMELSER AND HER DESCENDANTS

SUZANNAH SMELSER was b. 9-17-1774 in Pa.; she d. 6-23-1857 at Clay Co., Mo. She m. probably in Tenn. HARMON GREGG, a Kentucky farmer turned wheelwright. Mr. Max L. Moorhead, Chairman of History Dept. at University of Oklahoma, very kindly wrote the following in a letter to me 2-17-1960: "A letter from John Gregg to Dr. George Engelmann, Shreveport, Louisiana, December 24, 1850, is published in Maurice Fulton (ed.), Diary and Letters of Josiah Gregg, I., 377-389. This letter

merely mentions Susannah Gregg as the mother of Josiah. Paul Horgan's introduction to the above work, I., 3-40, mentions that Gregg's mother was from Pennsylvania. A letter from Dr. George W. Bayless to Professor Charles W. Short, Hazelwood, Missouri, March 16, 1851, in the same work, I., 392-399 has the following commentary that may be of particular interest to you:

"Dr. Bayless says that Gregg's mother, then 77 years of age, was living near Liberty, Missouri. (Fulton's note says that Susannah Smelser was born September 17, 1774, and died in Clay County, Missouri, June 23, 1857. He gives no references for this data, but he has examined many family papers and the family Bible.) Dr. Bayless 'found her reading the history of the Reformation in ordinary print -- reads her Bible a great deal, takes much interest in whatever is passing around her, and her conversation is marked by clearness and strength. Except for an old dislocation of the hip, she would be equal in her physical to her mental activity; and when not reading, is constantly engaged in knitting or sewing. She showed me a quilt which she was engaged in putting together. . .many young ladies might envy her skill.'" Harmon Gregg settled at Boon's Lick, Mo., ca 1812, after a three-year stay in Illinois. SUZANNAH (SMELSER) and HARMON GREGG had seven children,

five of whom were boys; two sons are JACOB and JOHN, and both followed the Santa Fe trail. The third son is JOSIAH.

III. JOSIAH GREGG b. 7-19-1806 at Overton Co., Tenn.; d. 2-25-1850 from exhaustion and lack of food during an expedition into the California mountains. His grave is unmarked. Josiah was the youngest child in the family. And he was many things -- a physician (though he may never have practiced medicine), a surveyor, war correspondent during Mexican War, mechanical genius, a Santa Fe explorer, teacher, trader and traveler, and author -- his book, Commerce of the Prairies, is generally considered a great work and a classic of the early southern plains and Santa Fe Trail. In medicine he served an apprenticeship under Dr. John Sappington, who later became famous for research on fever. When Josiah's application was rejected, he turned to law. He is described as "a frail child with an intellectual bent." He suffered during early manhood from chronic dyspepsia and consumption. Primarily for health reasons, he made trips across the Great Plains (and continued to do so repeatedly from 1831-1840). "Josiah Gregg best served posterity by capturing the fleeting time and changing space of the West when it was young. Long before the onward march of civilization could alter the natural landscape and primitive life of the Great Plains, and before trained scientists and historians arrived on the changing scene, Gregg was there taking notes. The product of his efforts, the only book he ever finished, has placed subsequent generations forever in his debt."⁹⁴

JAKE SMELSER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

JAKE SMELSER m. MARY SRYGLEY. The family indicates Jake moved from Virginia to Alabama. It is possible he is descended from one of Paulser's children, but that is only a personal guess on my part, based on the nebulous fact that he lived in that part of the country. JAKE and MARY (SRYGLEY) SMELSER had issue:

- I. JAMES POLK SMELSER b. 1843; d. 10-6-1909 at Colbert Co., Ala. He is buried at Rock Creek, Ala. He m. ELIZABETH KENNEDY b. 1853 at Colbert Co.; d. 1918 at Colbert Co. She is the daughter of Sam Kennedy. Issue:
 - A. HERBERT WALTON SMELSER b. 11-27-1881 at Russellville (Colbert Co.), Ala.; d. 9-17-1955 at Colbert Co. He m. LAURA ANN THORN b. 2-13-1855 at Colbert Co. They are buried at Rock Cemetery in Colbert Co. Laura is the daughter of Mary G. (Chambers) and J. K. P. Thorn and granddaughter of Sarah (Armstrong) and Elbrun Thorn. Mary Chambers is the daughter of Armenda (Bailey) and Johnathan Chambers. HERBERT and LAURA had issue:
 1. MARY ELIZABETH SMELSER b. 4-17-1905; m. _____ HILL. Address: R. R. 2, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.
 2. ALICE PAULINE SMELSER b. 9-23-1909; m. _____ NUZZBAUM. Live in Toledo.
 3. RUTHIE LOVENIA SMELSER b. 1-17-1912 in Colbert Co.; m. at Pulaski, Tenn. (by Judge Cantrell) RABON MC CORMACK. She is a practical nurse. She is a member of the Church of Christ. Her hobby is dairying. Mrs. McCormack is working to establish a hospital through her church for the care of orphaned children. They have adopted three children. Address: R.R. 2, Elkmont, Ala.
 4. JAMES K. ELDON SMELSER b. 9-22/26-1915; d. 8-8-1930/35.
 5. ZEIMA EVALINE SMELSER b. 10-25-1919; m. _____ DE VERNA.. Address: R. R. 4, Temperance, Michigan.
 6. AZALIE SMELSER b. 11-22/28-1912/23; m. _____ FRAZIOR. Address:

Pulaski, Tennessee.

7. LESLIE COOLEDGE SMELSER b. 1-7-1925 at Russellville, Ala.; m. 7-15-1950 at Corinth, Miss. EDITH NELL STAGGS b. 8-18-1930 at Waynesboro (Wayne Co.), Tenn. Mr. Smelser was a farmer. Currently he is a job foreman for the Spence Pabock Pools of California. He has also been a brick mason and carpenter. Mr. Smelser was Cpl., Air Transport Command, U.S.A.F. 1941-48 in European Theatre. He was a special chauffeur at the General Assembly in 1946, driving for the Chinese delegation to the United Nations. He has travelled in Belgium, Holland, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Portugal, Austria, England and France. Subject is a Sunday School teacher. Address: 3725 Norma Drive, Nashville, Tenn. LESLIE COOLEDGE and EDITH (STAGGS) SMELSER'S issue:
 - a. VIRGIE DORIS SMELSER b. 1-21-1953 at Waynesboro, Tenn.
 - b. LESLIE EDWARD SMELSER b. 8-18-1955 at Waynesboro, Tenn.
 - c. LEVET WAYNE SMELSER b. 4-22-1956 at Waynesboro, Tenn.
 - d. HENRY WADE SMELSER b. 4-3-1958 at Waynesboro, Tenn.
8. LAZETTA CHESTINE SMELSER b. 10-25/27-1927 m. _____ MOORE. Michigan.
- B. MONTIE EVETT SMELSER (twin) b. 10-9-1889 at Colbert Co., Ala.; m. LILLIE BELLE GRISSOM b. 7-2-____ at Franklin Co., Ala.; d. 4-16-1933 in Franklin Co. She is the daughter of Rebecca (Taylor) and W. Monroe Grissom. Address: 175 N. Ridge Road, Lorain, Ohio. Issue:
 1. LORA MAE SMELSER m. _____ WARHURST. Address: Cherokee, Ala.
 2. ABERDEEN SMELSER m. _____ DANIEL. Address: Belmont, Miss.
 3. ALPHA HARDING SMELSER living in Adamsville, Tenn.
 4. CHRISTINE SMELSER m. _____ ALLEN. Detroit Road, Avon, Ohio.
 5. IMA RACINE SMELSER b. 8-30-1926 at Pleasant Site, Ala. She m. 5-31-1942 at Corinth, Miss. _____ MEEK who served three years during W.W.II nineteen months overseas, five major battles, one being Battle of the Bulge. Mr. and Mrs. Meek are members of the Church of Christ. They live at Adamsville, Tenn. Issue:
 - a. FAVIL ALLEN MEEK b. 7-4-1943.
 - b. NATHAN DWAIN MEEK b. 12-13-1946.
 - c. ANN LILETTE MEEK b. 7-4-1952.
 - d. DICKIE GERALD MEEK b. 10-25-1954.
 - e. DAVIDA JANE MEEK b. 7-25-1956.
 6. CHESTER HORTON SMELSER b. 8-18-19____ at Russellville, Ala.; m. (1) 11-18-1941 at Hernando, Miss. (Church of Christ, the Rev. Stoy Pate) JOYCE LOUISE SMITH (2) 12-3-1954 at Nashville, Tenn. (Church of Christ by Rev. Batsell Baxter) PANSY JO JONES. Chester Horton Smelser received his C.L.U. degree from Vanderbilt University in 1958. He also attended the David Lipscomb College in Nashville 1941-43. He has been staff manager for Life and Casualty Insurance Co. of Tennessee since 1951. Address: 1830 Blakemore Ave., Knoxville, Tenn. CHESTER HORTON and JOYCE LOUISE (SMITH) SMELSER had issue:
 - a. JERRY HORTON SMELSER b. 2-6-1943 at Corinth, Miss.
 - b. BRENDA JOYCE SMELSER b. 8-1-1944 at Marion, N.C.
 - c. JUDY CAROLINE SMELSER b. 5-31-1947 at Marion, N.C.CHESTER HORTON and PANSY JO (JONES) SMELSER had issue:
 - d. _____ b. 1959.
- C. MURZY INEZ SMELSER (twin) b. 10-9-1889 at Colbert, Ala.; m. JOHN MITHCELL MC CAIG b. 8-20-1883. They had issue:

1. WILMA O. MC CAIG m. (1) RAYMOND DOWNS (2) ARTIS LEE JAMES b. in Ala.
 - a. CHARLOTTE VIRGINIA JAMES b. 1-6-1930 at Pleasant Site, Ala.; m. 8-28-1952 at Long Beach, Calif. (Rev. Witty of Central Church of Christ) LLOYD DALE SCHARDEIN, Deacon in the North Amarillo Church of Christ. Charlotte was graduated from Draughon's Business College in Amarillo 1949. Address: 2409 Poplar St., Amarillo, Tex.
 - i. TERRY MAX SCHARDEIN b. 5-27-1953 in Long Beach, Calif.
 - ii. VICKI LYNN SCHARDEIN b. 1-9-1955 in Amarillo, Texas.
 - iii. REBECCA RAE SCHARDEIN b. 12-14-1960.
 - b. SANDRA DOWNS living at Box 124, Fritch, Texas.
2. LOTTIE E. MC CAIG m. WILLIAM N. CARROLL Nov., 1947. Mrs. Carroll d. July, 1960 at Salinas, Calif., where she is buried. Her husband d. 10-13-1948 at San Diego, Calif.
3. TRAVIS HOWARD MC CAIG m. DOSKEY CAMPBELL. Address: Vernon, Ala.
4. RETHA ELLEN MC CAIG b. 12-6-1915 at Colbert, Ala. She m. BOMAR DEES b. 9-9-1909 at Vernon, Ala. Address: 7604 Third Ave. S., Birmingham.
 - a. ROBERT DEES b. 10-17-1941 at Vernon, Ala.
 - b. SAMMY KAY DEES (female) b. 12-19-1946 at Birmingham.
5. FOY GUIN MC CAIG m. MARY LOU MC MURRAY. Add.: Rte. 7, Oxford, Ala.
6. ELOISE MC CAIG m. JAMES M. BENSON. 1420 N. Shore Dr., San Benito, Tex.
7. MARY JOSEPHINE MC CAIG m. GEORGE WHITTLE. 1305 Chocton, Dothan, Ala.
8. JAMES CARL MC CAIG m. MAGGIE SPRAYBERRY. Huntsville, Ala.
9. JEAN MC CAIG b. 4-7-1928 at Barton, Ala.; m. 8-30-1947 at Gadsen, Ala. FRED GOODE NUNNELLEY, JR. b. 7-1-1923 at Ohatchee, Ala. Mrs. Nunnelley has been most helpful in compiling her family data. Address: 416 East 20th St., Anniston, Ala. JEAN and FRED GOODE NUNNELLEY had iss.:
 - a. FRED GOODE NUNNELLEY III b. 8-4-1955 at Anniston, Ala.
 - b. LISA JEAN NUNNELLEY (twin) b. and d. 5-2-1958 at Anniston and buried at Hebron in Calhoun Co., Ala.
 - c. PHILIP ANTHONY NUNNELLEY (twin) b. and d. 5-2-1958.
10. IMA SUE MC CAIG m. JOHN R. ARMSTRONG. 602 S. Pelham Rd., Jacksonville, Ala.
11. PATSY NELL MC CAIG m. FELIX TARRANT BRITTAIN. 54 Pollard Road, Augusta, Georgia.

D. JAMES D. SMELSER m. EMALINE GRISSOM. Address: Route 1, Belmont, Miss.

1. EVETT MONROE SMELSER m. HARRIET ELIZABETH BLACKLIDGE. Issue:
 - a. JERRY W. SMELSER living on Randolph Ave., Huntsville, Ala.
 - b. LINDA LOU SMELSER (twin) b. 6-14-1940 at Red Bay, Ala. She is a member of the Church of Christ. Miss Smelser attended the Alverson Draughan Business College. She is employed by the Southern Bell Telephone Co. Address: 1611 Madison Ave. S.W., Birmingham.
 - c. IRA SUE SMELSER (twin) b. 6-14-1940; m. WILLIAM G. CRANE, JR. Address: 401 13th St. S.W., Birmingham, Ala.

II. PAIRLEE SMELSER b. ____; d. at Iuka, Miss. She m. ARC SRYGLEY.

III. VIRGINIA SMELSER d. 1908 at Franklin Co., Ala.; m. JOE BOLTON.

HENRY J. SMELSER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

HENRY J. SMELSER m. ____ REYNOLDS. Birth and death dates and places are not known. They had issue:

ASTERS AT DUSK

- I. ISAAC EMERSON SMELSER b. 7-8-1872 in Greene Co., Tenn.; m. 1894 in Greene Co.
SADIE CANDACIA COBBLE b. 1-15-1871 in Greene Co.; d. 1-26-1943 in Greene Co.
- A. GEORGE WASHINGTON SMELSER b. 8-7-1896 in Greene Co.; m. 8-24-1918 in Greene Co. FANNIE JOSEPHINE FOLLETTE b. 7-28-1897 in Greene Co. Issue:
1. DALE EMERSON SMELSER b. 3-28-1926 in Greeneville, Tenn.; m. 11-23-1948 in Clinton Co., Tenn. FRANCES IRENE MILLS. Dale received his B. S. (Civil Engineering) 1949 from U. of Tenn. and M.S. (C.E.) 1959, U. of Tenn. He is Project Engineer for Knoxville Utilities Board. He was S 1/c U.S.N. Interests: Church, golf. Hoston Ct., Knoxville.
 - a. DIANE ELAINE SMELSER b. 6-13-1951 in Knox Co., Tenn.
 - b. TERESA MAE SMELSER b. 5-18-1953 in Knox Co., Tenn.
 - c. LEE ANNE SMELSER b. 10-12-1954 in Knox Co., Tenn.
 - d. GEORGE KEITH SMELSER b. 7-26-1956 in Knox Co., Tenn.
 2. REBA SADIE KATHERINE SMELSER b. 6-20-1930; m. R. C. HANCOCK. She received her B.S. in Education from University of Tennessee. She is a teacher. Address: 401 Pennsylvania Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
 3. GENE CLARK SMELSER b. 3-23-1937 at Knoxville, Tenn.; m. 5-14-1960 LINDA GAIL BUNCH b. 3-16-1941 at Knoxville. Gene Clark Smelser received his B.S. in Chemical Engineering from University of Tennessee. Address: Route 1, Widows Knob, Gatlinburg, Tennessee.
- B. GERTHA TULEN SMELSER b. 10-4-1910 at Timberridge, Tenn.; m. J. CLYDE QUILLEN b. 10-29-1909 at Greeneville, Tenn. He is a machinist. Address: 302 Nelson Street, Greeneville, Tenn. Issue:
1. DACIE ELIZABETH QUILLEN b. 3-22-1932 at Greeneville; m. LYNN S. BABB.

Mrs. Quillen indicated she has a cousin, DANE SMELCER, in Knoxville, Tenn.
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The following Smelsers are not necessarily related to the family above; however, since they are known to have been in the Greene Co., Tenn., area, they will be mentioned at this point.

JACOB SMELSER m. Jan., 1785 in Greene Co. (Solomon Reed, security) AGNES YOACUM.
ELIZABETH SMELSER m. NICHOLAS EILY 11-5-1800 in Greene Co., Tenn., with James Mc Keehan security.

BARBARA SMELSER (b. Tenn.) m. before 1812 JOSIAH HIGGINS. They went to Missouri.

Upon checking the 1850 census for Greene Co., I found the following:

JANE SMELSER b. 1830 Tenn.

The next three Smelser families (also in the 1850 census) will have the family head underlined. It is noted that there is a difference in spelling; names were often spelled euphonically a number of years ago.

JOHN SMELCER b. 1820 in Tenn. m. ELIZABETH _____. Occupation: Laborer. Issue:

1. HARRISON SMELCER b. 1841 in Tenn.
2. CATHERINE SMELCER b. 1844 in Tenn.
3. ALEXANDER SMELCER b. 1845 in Tenn.
4. MALINDA SMELCER b. 1848 in Tenn.

SMELCER _____ (deceased by 1850) m. ELIZABETH _____ (head of family). She was a farmer and had real estate valued at \$400. Issue:

1. EPHRAIM SMELCER b. 1833 in Tenn.
2. MARY SMELCER b. 1836 in Tenn.
3. ELIZABETH SMELCER b. 1838 in Tenn.
4. MARGARET SMELCER b. 1840 in Tenn.

HENRY SMILSER b. 1825 in Tenn. m. MATILDA _____ b. 1827 in Tenn. He was a laborer and had issue:

1. SAMUEL SMILSER b. 1845 in Tenn.
2. MARGARET SMILSER b. 1847 in Tenn.
3. MARIA SMILSER b. 1849 in Tenn.

Because families moved around, it is difficult to establish a pattern to follow in presenting the "isolated" cases. The parents may have been born in one state and siblings in several states. In the following instance, only two known states are involved, so the listing will be made in this section on Tennessee:

NELSON SMELSER b. 1844; d. 1923; m. HARRIET RUTHERFORD b. 1851; d. 1930. According to Mrs. G. S. Matheny, granddaughter of Nelson, the family home, LINDYMORE, belonged probably to Nelson's father or mother. Harriet and Nelson Smelser had four sons, two whose names are not included below:

I. JAMES MILTON SMELSER b. 2-21-1884 in Bristol, Tenn.; d. 6-10-1956 and is buried in the Paris Cemetery, Paris, Ky. He m. 1901 in Paris MARY NETTIE HARRISON b. 1899 in Paris; d. 1929, daughter of Sarah and William Harrison, b. in Indiana; m. in Owensville, Ky. William Harrison is the son of William Harrison. JAMES MILTON and MARY NETTIE (HARRISON) SMELSER had issue:

A. GERTRUDE BELLE SMELSER b. 10-9-1907 in Paris, Ky.; m. 8-21-1929 in Paris (at home with W. E. Ellis officiating) ROBERT ANDERSON MATHENY. She received her A.B. (Science, Music) from Transylvania College 1929 and attended College of Bible 1929-30. She taught school at Ludlow, Ky. since 1958. Before that (1955-58) she was a radio announcer. She has traveled in Mexico (1955), Canada (1944, 1960) and Europe (1957). Her hobbies are reading and tennis. Address: Burlington, Ky. Issue:

1. ROBERT A. MATHENY, JR. b. 3-31-1931 in Harlan, Ky. Address: Box 223, Burlington, Ky.
2. MARY MILTON MATHENY b. 1-9-1934 in Paris, Ky.; m. _____ BOZEMAN. She lives at 3802 Montgomery, Columbia, S.C.

B. VIRGINIA SMELSER b. 5-26-1912 in Paris. Address: 37 Euclid, Ludlow, Ky.

II. FRANK SMELTZER who lives in Abingdon, Va.

(Query: Could Nelson be a descendant of Paulser Smelser?)

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The next two instances again involve two states. The two heads of family are William and Henry and they appear in the 1850 census for Boone Co., Ind. It is possible that the two men are brothers.

WILLIAM SMELSER b. 1808 in Tenn. m. MAHALA _____ b. 1811 in Tenn. Farmer. Issue:

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| 1. SARAH SMELSER b. 1833 in Ind. | 4. EMANUEL SMELSER b. 1840 in Ind. |
| 2. GEORGE SMELSER b. 1835 in Ind. | 5. STEPHEN SMELSER b. 1842 in Ind. |
| 3. DULLENOR SMELSER b. 1837 in Ind. | 6. EMILY b. 1846 and 7. WILLIAM N. b. 1849. |

ASTERS AT DUSK

HENRY SMELSER b. 1820 in Tenn. m. ELIZABETH _____ b. 1818 in Va. Farmers. Issue:
1. CATHERINE SMELSER b. 1834 in Tenn. 4. MAHALA SMELSER b. 1836 in Ind.
2. WILLIAM SMELSER b. 1829 in Tenn. 5. FEMALE b. 1839 in Ind.
3. GEORGE SMELSER b. 1832 in Ind. 6. ALBERT CREFER SMELSER b. 1846 in Ind.

While Henry and William do not list a son named Henry, the man below is probably an heir or may be the afore-mentioned Henry who m. the second time.

HENRY SMELSER m. 3-30-1854 in Boone Co., Ind. SUSAN HADDOCK or HETRICK. Issue:
I. ROBERT ANDERSON SMELSER b. 1862 m. 2-23-1882 in Boone Co. CENTRILLA LAUGHNER.
A. CARRIE SMELSER b. 1884 m. 2-24-1904 in Boone Co. (Book C13, p. 85) JAMES HENRY BROOKSHIRE b. 1877.
B. ROANNA SMELSER m. 2-24-1901 in Boone Co. JOHN W. HEDRICK b. 1883, son of W. R. and Jennie (Edwards) Hedrick.

The next family originate (meaning the subject) from Tennessee. They went to Indiana and spent some time in Clinton County.

GEORGE SMELSER m. _____ FRY. Issue:

- I. ADAM SMELSER b. 1821/22 in Tenn.; d. 10-4-1883 in Warren Twp., Clinton Co., Ind. He m. SARAH E. SHAFFER b. 1827/28 in Ind.; d. 2-10-1908 at Forest Twp., Clinton Co., and is buried at Grey Cemetery. She d. at the age of 80-11-8 and is the daughter of Jacob E. and Elizabeth (Pittsenloye) Shaffer. Issue:
A. SAMUEL E. SMELSER b. 5-14-1859; d. 9-6-1918 near New Hope in Clinton Co. He m. 1-6/7-1886 at Clinton Co. MARY F. SHAFFER. Mr. Smelser was a member of the I.O.R.M. Lodge. He d. from leakage of the heart and dropsy at 9:45 p.m. Issue:
1. MALE b. 8-29-1890 in Clinton Co.
2. FEMALE b. 10-7-1886 in Clinton Co.
3. WINNIE SMELSER m. _____ WITHEM. Address: Kewana, Ind.
4. FEMALE m. CECIL MILNER. Address: Geetingsville, Ind.
5. GUY F. SMELSER who was in W.W.I.
6. DESSIE SMELSER
7. MARY SMELSER
8. ARTHUR SMELSER
9. MAY SMELSER

The 1850 Clinton Co. census lists a William Smelser b. 1825. He is probably the brother of Adam and son of George:

WILLIAM SMELSER b. 1825 m. LYDIA _____. Issue:

- I. GEORGE A. SMELSER b. 1846.

The next grouping are also from Clinton Co., Ind., and represent a later date. Since they are from Forest Twp., Clinton Co., they are undoubtedly descendants of Adam and Sarah (Shaffer) Smelser.

EDWARD D. SMELSER m. BELL Z. MARGURITE PAYNE. Issue:

- I. MILDRED S. SMELSER b. 6-5-1908 in Clinton Co.; d. 5-2-1910 in Forest Twp.
II. DORETHA O. SMELSER b. 8-24-1912 in Clinton Co.

The next four individuals have different spelling for surname, but should be mentioned because they are in Clinton Co., Ind.

SAMUEL SMELCER m. SALLY MESSMORE and had issue:

I. HEZEKIAH SMELCER m. 7-10-1891 in Clinton Co. MARY PHILLIPS.

HARMON SMELSER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

HARMON SMELSER b. ca 1800 (possibly in Germany) moved from Pennsylvania and Kentucky, then Missouri, and on to Texas in 1846, according to members of the family. He settled in San Saba County 1854 and was among the very first settlers there. It is believed he had two brothers. HARMON SMELSER had issue:

- I. JOHN DAVID SMELSER b. 3-22-1845 in Mo.; d. 1914. He m. 12-10-1865 CANSADA FLORENTINE FAVER b. 3-21-1845 probably in Ala.; d. 1926. John David Smelser was a farmer all his life. In a letter from Mrs. Cansada L. Crawford (Jan., 1960), she related: "My father joined the Texas Rangers when a young man. General Bradford was his company commander. My father did very heroic deeds when he put spurs to his horse and rode up to his Captain to give salute. For when the people were leaving Texas for the California Gold Rush, the Indians were bad. But my father said, 'The life of these dear people is important -- let them go on -- this is a free country.' The Captain replied, 'John, you have won your point. Let the Indians go home.'" Issue:
 - A. WILL SMELSER b. 2-13-1867. He was a school teacher at Junction, Texas.
 - B. JOHN RICHARD SMELSER b. 2-12-1871 at San Saba, Tex.; m. 12-24-1891/93 EVA TEXANNA MATSLER. She was b. 2-20-1871 in San Saba; d. 12-19-1951. He is a Methodist minister. Address: Star Route, San Saba, Texas. Issue:
 1. MARVIN LEROY SMELSER b. 3-20-1895 at San Saba; m. 9-25-1920 at Post, Tex. VERA CATHERINE (BARTLETT) COOPER. Mr. Smelser worked as a farm laborer. He made brooms, cut cedar, and did carpenter work. He also ran an oil route. Since 1943 he has been producing fruit and vegetables. He sold his citrus grove in 1957. His schooling was at Valley Springs, Chappel, Rough Creek, China Creek, Tap, Afton, Flomat and White Flat, Texas. Address: Box 135, Chandler Heights, Ariz.
 - a. EVA MARGUERITE SMELSER b. 8-30-1921 at Barton Site, Tex. Address: Chandler Heights, Arizona.
 - b. MARVIN LEROY SMELSER, JR. b. 8-30-1924 at Plainview, Tex.
 - c. SYLVIA IRENE SMELSER b. 6-28-1929 at Wichita Falls, Texas. She m. VAN HORNE. Address: Chandler Heights, Arizona.
 - d. VIRGINIA NELL SMELSER b. 7-14-1934 at San Saba; m. COVINGTON. Address: Temple, Arizona.
 2. NELSON H. SMELSER b. 2-23-1896. Address: Odessa, Texas.
 3. EULA MAY SMELSER b. 8-26-1897 at San Saba; m. ADAMS. Address: McArthur, Calif.
 4. ORAN S. SMELSER b. 12-23-1898 at San Saba. Add.: Chandler Heights.
 5. HERMAN M. SMELSER b. 8-22-1900. Add.: 1709 W. 9th, Plainview, Texas.
 6. LINNIE B. SMELSER b. 2- -1902; m. ALLEN. Add.: Cherokee, Tex.
 7. RUBY IRENE SMELSER b. 5-10-1904; m. ERICKSON. Box 13, Grand Rapids, Minn.
 8. VIDA P. SMELSER b. 2-24-1906 at San Saba; m. DISMUKE. Address: Upchurch Street, Plainview, Texas.
 9. J. D. SMELSER b. 1-9-1909; d. 6-8-1931 at Chappel, Texas.

10. CAMPBELL RINKIN SMELSER b. 7-24-1911 in Tex.; m. 1-23-1937 at Vernon, Tex. LESLA JANE BOX (at the Methodist Parsonage by the Rev. W. L. Tittle). Mr. Smelser is a Methodist minister. He served in the U.S. Army as cook and baker. His hobbies are sports and woodwork. Add.: Box 571, Maple, Texas. CAMPBELL and LESLA SMELSER had issue:
 - a. PEGGY JOAN SMELSER b. 1-24-1938 at Vernon, Texas.
 - b. TENYLLA JANE SMELSER b. 1-17-1943 at Plainview, Texas.
11. FAYOLA SMELSER b. 1-27-1913 at White Flat, Tex.; m. _____ KEIM. They live at Plano, Texas.
- C. JAMES J. SMELSER b. 1875; buried at Lubbock, Texas.
- D. ALBERT Q. SMELSER b. 1878; buried at Tap, Texas.
- E. SUSAN ADELINE SMELSER b. 1880; m. _____ SEASON. She is buried at the Rough Creek Cemetery in San Saba County, Texas.
- F. MOLLIE SMELSER b. 5-11-1883 in San Saba Co.; m. JOE BECK. No issue. They live in San Saba, Texas.
- G. SAMUEL HENRY SMELSER b. 1883; is buried at Matador, Texas.
- H. CANSADA LOUISA SMELSER b. 7-7-1885 in San Saba Co.; m. FRANCIS LEE CRAWFORD, a retired boiler maker. The wedding was performed by Rev. D. W. Gaddy of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Crawford is a Bible teacher at the Pentecostal Church. They have four grandchildren in the U.S. military service. One is a college graduate. Address: Box 144, Duncan, Arizona.
 1. ARMANDA CRAWFORD b. 4-8-1911. She lives at Palm Springs, Calif.
 2. DOROTHY KATHLEEN CRAWFORD m. _____ GOODING. Address: Phoenix, Ariz.
- I. KATE SMELSER b. 2-21-1888 in San Saba; m. 7-12-1909 TOM FRY. They have four children and live in San Saba, Texas.

NOTE: From the State Archives in Austin, Texas, I found the following re muster rolls, Confederate States of America: Private J. D. SMELSER (age 18) enlisted October, 1863 in San Saba Co. in Capt. John H. Brown's Frontier Regt., 2nd Frontier District, Texas State Troops, Major G. B. Erath, commanding San Saba County.

and:

1st Corporal J. SMELSER enlisted 9-7-1861 in San Saba, Texas for the duration of the war. Capt. William Thaxton, commanding officer.

THOMAS SMELSER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

THOMAS SMELSER b. 11-29-1838 about 15 miles from Mammoth Cave in Kentucky; d. 10-7-1921 at Taber, Iowa. He m. 11-14-1861 MARY ANN CUBBAGE b. 11-11-1840 in Knox Co., Ill.; d. 11-14-1911 at Tabor, Iowa. She is the daughter of Ama (Feathers) and Aberham Cubbage. It is believed that Thomas is the son of JOHN SMELSER and ANNIE CUBBAGE. According to a grandson, J. Clide Smelser, Thomas Smelser's family were frontiersmen from New Amsterdam (now New York) who went to Kentucky and then to the Great Lakes Region and on to Iowa where they settled. He said, "I don't know where my grandfather was born, but his father (my father's grandfather) lived in Kentucky when a boy near the Mammoth Cave, I am certain, for I have heard my father and uncle say their grandfather and some more boys were the first white boys to find and see inside the Mammoth Cave. . .My father rode horseback into Oklahoma when the Cherokee Strip was opened which was in 1893 to Settlement and homesteaded near Perry. He was a charter member of the Anti-Horse

"Thief Association, which helped to bring law and order, also helped to organize one of the first if not the first Sunday Schools in this country." My cursory research on the Mammoth Cave was not made as a challenge to Mr. Smelser's statement, but as an effort to locate his family re place and date. The only reference checked indicated that the cave (situated in Edmonson County, about 90 miles south of Louisville) was first discovered by the white man in the year 1809. The story goes "that a hunter named Houchins chased a wounded bear in the yawing gulf that forms the entrance. Whether he explored it to any extent on that occasion will never be known; but his story of the immense cavern spread rapidly even in that early day." Stephen Bishop was the first guide and explorer. According to the above, "JOHN" SMELSER would qualify, age-wise, as an early explorer of the Mammoth Cave, and the family must have lived in Edmonson County, though it was called Warren or Logan then. The family might have been in Christian County (Paulser Smelser was there) earlier, or the "Edmonson" Smelsers could have come from Tennessee, or been the segment that went on up to Crawford Co., Ind. In a Shelby Co., Ohio, history, I find the name of THOMAS SMELTZER who was Commissary Sergeant, Co. G, 9th O.V. Cavalry; enlisted Aug., 1863, and was discharged Aug., 1865. By age, these two Thomases could be the same man. (See also ADAM SMELTZER b. 1807 in Gallia Co., O.) THOMAS and MARY ANN (CUBBAGE) SMELSER had issue:

I. GEORGE L. SMELSER

II. FRANK SMELSER

III. MELVIN SMELSER who had at least one child; living in Glenwood, Iowa.

A. CHARLES A. SMELSER living at 3227 Fifth Ave., Council Bluffs, Iowa.

1. CLARENCE SMELSER has a doctorate in music. He specializes in organ, piano and voice.

IV. FRED L. SMELSER b. 12-2-1869 at Rio (Knox Co.), Ill.; d. 2-17-1946 at Portland, Ore. He m. 9-11-1901 at Yokohama, Japan MARY ELLEN LONG b. 7-5-1878 at Abilene (Chever Twp.), Kansas. Mary is the daughter of Emma (Landis) and Jacob Long. Fred L. Smelser is buried at Gravette, Ark., in the I.O.O. F. Cemetery. He was a Bible teacher many years in Gravette. He moved to Iowa with his parents. He taught rural school in that state. Then he attended Hephizibah Faith Missionary School in Tabor to prepare for the mission field. "When Japan was opened up to Christian missionaries in 1894, Brother Smelser was ready to go, and went straightway to the harbor and down to the pier to embark, though he had not received sufficient funds to pay for his passage. He prayed expectantly. Finally a man stepped up to him and, after a short conversation, said, 'I am the man who is to give you the rest of the money for your fare.' The ticket was purchased and Bro. Smelser went aboard the ship and sailed to the far-away Land of the Rising Sun." (from The Church Herald and Holiness Banner, 3-11-1946, per son, Fred Landis Smelser) Mr. Smelser and his wife were in Japan for 25 years. "He also taught English in one of the noted Japanese schools in Osaka. He also taught English to the Metropolitan Police Force of Yokohama. On one occasion, when he was leaving Japan to come to the U.S. on furlough, the police force lined the wharf and fired a salute. This was the first time a foreigner had ever been accorded such an honor. He was awarded an honorary pass on one of Japan's newly-christened battle ships, this, too, being a rare honor to be conferred upon an Occidental." (same source as above) Subject was Director of Gravette Bible School for years and taught elementary grades there in the early years of the school. He was Chairman of the Church of God at Gravette. FRED and MARY (LONG) SMELSER had issue:

- A. FRED LANDIS SMELSER b. 1-19-1904 in Tokyo, Japan; m. 9-17-1952 at Portland, Ore. (Methodist Church) DORIS ELEANOR BOWNE b. 7-4-1914 in Nampa, Iowa. She m. (1) George Hensley who d. 1950. Mr. Smelser's hobby is gardening. He received his A.B. in 1925 from Tabor College (now closed) in Tabor, Iowa. He has been employed as a steel worker at Beall Pipe & Tank Corp. in Portland since 1953. I am grateful to Mr. Smelser for his interest and help, and proud to include his poem, "Storm", in this genealogy. Address: Apt. 4, 4855 N.E. Union Ave., Portland, Ore.

STORM

On silence breaks the soft incessant splash
Of rain. A forked streak of golden light
In fiendish fury leaps with instant flash
That sweeps the velvet darkness lurid white
And fades with splendor on the face of night.
The rumbling voice of thunder seems to tear
The walls of heaven asunder with the might
Of hell. Its force is shattered everywhere
To mingle with the rain and quiver on the air.

- by Frederick Smelser

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Mr. Smelser has two step-daughters: (1) Dorothy Ann Hensley b. 4-19-1937 at Portland; m. ____ Trou. (2) Joyce Hensley b. 11-27-1943 at Portland.

- B. JOHN ROYER SMELSER b. 2-2-1907 in Tokyo, Japan; m. 7-25-1936 DORIS MAE TINNEMANN b. 6-15-1920 at Council Bluffs, Iowa. Mr. Smelser attended Tabor Bible School. Address: 2745 Boumon, Omaha, Nebr. Issue:
1. FRED ROYER SMELSER b. 10-8-1937 at Omaha. Living with parents.
- C. ESTHER LOIS SMELSER b. 11-16-1910 in Yokohama, Japan; m. 7-23-1935 at Westminster, Md. RUSSELL DUKE b. 2-11-__ in Pa. Mrs. Duke received her A.B. from Lebanon College (1934) at Annville, Pa. and is currently working on her A.M. at University of Oregon (Special Education). She will sail from New York August 17, 1961, having received a Fulbright Exchange grant to England for the school year 1961-62. Address: 6833 N.E. Hancock, Portland 13, Ore. I am grateful to Mrs. Duke for her interest in this book. ESTHER LOIS (SMELSER) and RUSSELL DUKE had issue:
1. KIM RUSSELL DUKE b. 4-18-1938 in Harrisburg, Pa. Address: Hollywood, California.
2. LYNDON FREDERICK DUKE b. 9-11-1941 at Seattle, Wash.
3. LOIS JEAN DUKE b. 4-15-1943 in Portland, Oregon.
- V. JOHN A. SMELSER living in Wyoming.
- VI. WILLIAM ELMER SMELSER b. 5-13-1865 at Galesburg, Ill.; d. 11-7-1953 at Willamina, Ore.; buried with wife at McMinville, Ore. He m. at Blockton, Iowa

- THERESA MERRIMAN b. 10-11-1866 in Iowa; d. June, 1943 at Willamina. Issue:
 A. WILLIAM HENRY SMELSER b. 4-1-1888 in Iowa; m. 2-14-1908 at Perry, Okla.
EUNICE MAY NICOL b. 5-25-1890 at Hesper, Kans. There were no issue.
 Address: Molalla, Oregon.
 B. ELMER GUY SMELSER b. 12-31-1889 in Iowa; m. HAZEL WALKER. Address:
 Aumsville, Oregon.
 C. MARY SMELSER b. 11-29-__ in Mo.; m. Noble Co., Okla. HARRY GOLLIVER d.
 1959. Address: 1310 Delaware Street, Perry, Okla.
 D. FRANK SMELSER b. 11-12-1895 near Perry, Okla.; m. ALBERTA MASTERS and
 they live at Willamina, Oregon.
 E. J. CLIDE SMELSER b. 12-31-1900 at Perry, Okla.; m. 7-28-1920 at Perry
 (Noble Co.) MARY G. FOSTER b. 8-27-1903 at Perry. The wedding was held
 at the home of Rev. George Dennis of the Christian Church. J. Clide
 Smelser is a farmer. He was Clerk on Township Board and Clerk of Town-
 ship Election Board 1940-54. He is a past Supt. and Deacon and teacher
 of Sunday School in the First Christian Church, and is presently presi-
 dent of North Marion Gem and Mineral Society at Woodbrun, Ore. Mr.
 Smelser has been most helpful in this compilation. Address: Route 1,
 Box 102, Brooks, Ore. J. CLIDE and MARY G. (FOSTER) SMELSER had issue:
 1. CLIDE DANIEL SMELSER b. 11-25-1921 near Perry; m. 5-28-1941 at Per-
 ry (the Rev. Jack A. Oliver) ROSALIE FERN CONRAD b. 1-5-1922 at Per-
 ry, daughter of A. A. Conrad. Subject is a Mason (Albert Pike Ma-
 son Lodge) and fire warden. He was a farmer 1941-47 in Noble Co.
 Currently he works for Boeing. His hobbies are leather tooling and
 woodworking. (Note: his father's hobbies are collecting and pol-
 ishing gems and stones. J. Clide Smelser has shaken hands with Wm.
 Jennings Bryan, 1908, and William F. Cody - "Buffalo Bill".) Clide
 Daniel Smelser and family live at Haysville, Kansas. Issue:
 a. PATRICIA LOUISE SMELSER b. 2-22-1946 at Stillwater, Okla.
 b. CHERYLL ANN SMELSER b. 9-23-1954 at Stillwater, Okla.
 c. CLIDE ALLEN SMELSER b. 9-5-1956 at Wichita, Kans.
 d. DANIEL EUGENE SMELSER b. 5-14-1959 at Wichita.
 2. IRWIN NEIL SMELSER b. 8-31-1925 at Salem, Ore.; m. 4-10-1948 at
 Enid, Okla. MARY ELLEN RITTHALER b. 11-3-1922 at Perry, daughter of
 Frank Ritthaler. Irwin Neil Smelser received two bronze stars and
 three campaign ribbons from service in the U.S. Army during W.W.II.
 He is a farmer and truck driver. He is a member of Linn Co. Sher-
 iff's Mounted Posse. Hobbies include horseback riding. Address:
 315 Marilyn Street, Albany, Ore. Issue:
 a. MARY JO SMELSER b. 1-19-1956 at Albany, Ore.
 b. KAREN SUE SMELSER b. 5-19-1958 at Albany.
 c. FRANKIE SMELSER b. 12-5-1950 at Stillwater, Okla.; d. 3-19-1951.
 d. JOHN CARL SMELSER b. 4-9-1952 at Perry; d. 4-10-1952.

VII. ALICE M. SMELSER

VIII. EMMA SMELSER

IX. SARAH A. SMELSER

A cousin of William Elmer Smelser is: CLARENCE SMELSER living at 4550 S.E. View Acres Road, Portland, Ore.

Possibly related to the family in the outline above are the following: GEORGE SMELSER m. ADELINE _____. They had a son CHARLES A. SMELSER b. 3-3-1872 at Gales-

burg, Ill. Charles A. Smelser was a graduate of Knox Military Academy. In 1907 he went to Kirksville (Adair Co.), Mo.

CONRAD SCHMELTZER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

CONRAD SCHMELTZER was b. in Germany. He d. in Pa. age 87. He emigrated to America soon after his marriage, and located in Berks Co., Pa. He was a lumberman by trade, making wagon tires. He had four children, but only one child's name is currently known. Issue:

- I. JACOB SCHMELTZER b. Berks Co.; d. 1881 age 80. He m. (1) 12-3-1825 ESTHER OYSTER who d. 5-25-1844 of erysipelas (2) 8-29-1846 LOUISA F. BROCKWAY b. in 1818, daughter of Chauncy Brockway, native of New York. Mrs. Louisa Schmeltzer was living in 1893. JACOB and ESTHER (OYSTER) SCHMELTZER had issue:
 - A. WILHELMINA SCHMELTZER
 - B. ELIZA SCHMELTZER who d. age 32, leaving a family.
 - C. CAROLINE SCHMELTZER
 - D. CONRAD SCHMELTZER who served in Co. B. 35th Iowa Infantry for three yrs. during the Civil War. (His father, Jacob, went to Muscatine, Iowa, in 1850. He farmed there for 16 years. While in Pa., he was elected sheriff of Elk Co.)
 - E. DANIEL SCHMELTZER
 - F. CATHERINE ANN SCHMELTZER
 - G. JOHN SCHMELTZER
 - H. GEORGE SCHMELTZER who was held prisoner eight months at Danville, Va., during the Civil War.
 - I. SALINDA SCHMELTZER
 JACOB and LOUISA F. (BROCKWAY) SCHMELTZER had issue:
 - J. J. FOSTER SCHMELTZER b. 6-11-1847 in Elk Co., Pa., 12 miles from Ridgeway, the county seat. He m. (1) 1-11-1871 L. AUGUSTA ELYEA who d. 10-28-1883, daughter of Humphrey and Sarah (Williams) Elyea. He m. (2) 4-20-1886 ANNA VAN NESTE, daughter of Emily (Shottenkirk) and George H. Neste, natives of Gloversville, N.Y., and of German Dutch descent. Anna is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. J. Foster Schmeltzer was reared on a farm. He was educated at Industrial University at Champaign, Ill. He held office of Highway Commissioner (Kankakee) for 12 yrs. He is a Republican and cast his first ballot for U.S. Grant. Issue:
 1. SARAH LOUISA SCHMELTZER who d. in infancy.
 2. JONATHAN LEWIS SCHMELTZER
 3. JACOB MERTON SCHMELTZER
 4. MARY ESTHER SCHMELTZER
 J. FOSTER and ANNA (VAN NESTE) SCHMELTZER had issue:
 5. PAUL FOSTER SCHMELTZER
 6. EMILY LOUISA SCHMELTZER
 - K. JONATHAN M. SCHMELTZER who d. before 1893.
 - L. ESTHER JANE SCHMELTZER who d. before 1893.
 - M. ANNA SCHMELTZER who d. before 1893.
 - N. CHARLES NORMAN SCHMELTZER who d. before 1893.
 - O. WILLIS SCHMELTZER who d. before 1893.

I have record of three Illinois Smelsers: (1) ISAIAH SMELSER b. 1790-1800 and is

listed in the Knox Co., Ill., census (2) JACOB SMELSER b. 1800-1810 and who is listed in the Knox Co., Ill., 1840 census and (3) GEORGE SMELSER who came from the Pendleton District, S.C., in October, 1805, to settle in St. Clair Co., Ill. (see chapter 2).

- (1) ISAIAH SMELSER'S wife was b. 1810-1820. They had two sons b. 1830-1840; two sons b. 1820-1830; two daughters b. 1830-1840; and two daughters b. 1820-30.
- (2) JACOB SMELSER'S wife was b. 1800-1810. They had five children: three boys b. 1830-1840 and two girls b. 1820-1840.

Iowa

MINNIE SCHMELZER m. HENRY SEMLER and had issue:

1. MARY JANE SEMLER (of Wellman, Ia.) m. 12-31-1905 at Kalona, Ia. CHRISTIAN HOFER b. 5-20-1881 near Amish. He is a graduate of Normal Course of American Correspondence School. Farmer. They had issue:
 - a. KATIE DORETHEA HOFER b. 4-8-1907
 - b. HENRY EDWARD HOFER b. 12-12-1908

JACOB SCHMELTZER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

JACOB SCHMELTZER was b. in St. Engbert, Rheinpfalz, Bavaria, Germany, 1797. He brought his family to America in 1835, landing at Philadelphia, and going on by canal to Pottsville in Schuylkill Co., Pa. Jacob was a shoemaker by trade and also worked in the mines. He d. 1855 at St. Clair Co. He m. MARY M. OCHS, native of St. Engbert, b. 1799; d. 1857. All the family are members of the German Catholic Church. JACOB and MARY M. (OCHS) SCHMELTZER had issue:

- I. GEORGE SCHMELTZER who lived at Bremes Co., Iowa.
- II. PETER SCHMELTZER who lived at St. Clair, Pa.
- III. HANNAH SCHMELTZER m. _____ WALLNER. They lived in the Dakotas.
- IV. MARY M. SCHMELTZER who d. by 1906.
- V. FRANCIS SCHMELTZER b. 10-12-1824 in St. Engbert; d. 7-28-1904. He m. 2-10-1855 MARGARET THUM of Philadelphia, b. in Bavaria, daughter of Jacob Thum, a native of Rheinpfalz. Mrs. Schmeltzer came to America when a girl and d. two years after her husband. Mr. Schmeltzer worked in the mines at Mount Laffee. Later he did different kinds of work such as picking slate and driving mules. He was made foreman of the mines in Locustdale at the age of 36. He operated a company with Charles Frantz at St. Clair for many yrs. He was District Supt. of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co. 15 yrs.
 - A. ELIZABETH SCHMELTZER m. HENRY J. NEY. They lived at Pottsville, Pa.
 - B. PETER J. SCHMELTZER lived at Pottsville. Member of Schmeltzer Bottling.
 - C. FRANK A. SCHMELTZER b. 2-14-1863 at Locustdale; m. MARY T. SHANK, dau. of Frederick W. Shank. Frank was a member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church and Holy Name Society. He was engaged in the bottling business (high grade carbonated beverages as well as porter ale and beer, with specialty being Gold Seal and Red Label Ginger Ale) of Pottsville for over 20 years. FRANK A. and MARY T. (SHANK) SCHMELTZER had issue:
 1. FLORENCE SCHMELTZER
 2. GEORGE SCHMELTZER
 3. EDWIN SCHMELTZER
 4. AGNES SCHMELTZER
 5. MARGARET SCHMELTZER who d. before 1916.
 - D. MARY SCHMELTZER who d. unm. by 1916.

- E. MARGARET SCHMELTZER d. age 14, before 1916.
- F. LENA SCHMELTZER d. before 1916.
- G. JOSEPH J. SCHMELTZER m. LOUISA STERNER of Pottsville. He was a member of the Schmeltzer Bottling Company.
- H. JOHN F. SCHMELTZER, member of the Schmeltzer Bottling Co.
- I. GEORGE E. SCHMELTZER
- VI. NICHOLAS SCHMELTZER who lived in Pottsville. He was a carpenter.
- VII. ANTHONY SCHMELTZER who lived at St. Clair; a blacksmith.
- VIII. ELIZABETH SCHMELTZER m. _____ CARNES. They lived at Bremes Co., Iowa.
- IX. GERTRUDE SCHMELTZER who d. by 1906.
- X. JOHN SCHMELTZER who lived at Tacoma, Wash.

GEORGE EDWARD SCHMELTZER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

GEORGE EDWARD SCHMELTZER, a mine foreman, M. MARY ANN _____. At least one child:

- I. GEORGE MICHAEL SCHMELTZER b. 3-25-1907 at St. Clair, Pa.; m. 3-3-1932 IRENE CATHERINE GREGOR. Subject was listed in Who's Who in Labor 1946. He (at the time) was: "Amer. Fed. of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFL); joined 1938; Pres., Pa. Council of Public Employees; War Manpower Commission, 1835 N. Third St., Harrisburg, Pa. Past Record: Mem., Legis. Com., AFSC and M.E.: Mem., UMW of A., 1925. Public Activities: Area Dir., Allentown, Pa., Acting Area Dir., Reading, Pa. and Newark, N.J., in War Manpower Comm.; Supt. Municipal Elec. Lt. Dept., St. Clair, Pa. . Education: Ursinus Coll., Teachers Coll., Pa. State Coll.; B.S. Writings: 'President's Letter' for the Pa. Pub. Employees, Union periodical. Interests: public admin.; management methods; admin. of labor orgs. Sports: football, baseball." Address: 113 W. Granada Ave., Hershey, Pa. (1946) Issue:
 - A. MARIANNE IRENE SCHMELTZER

JOHN FERDINAND SCHMELZER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

He had at least one son:

- I. CHARLES JOSEPH SCHMELZER b. 7-22-1857 at Hartford, Conn. He m. 1-12-1887 at Leavenworth, Kans. MARY ALICE IDE b. 7-31-1864 at Leavenworth, daughter of Mary (Murray) and Harvey Wellington Ide. Harvey was b. 1858 near Waverly, Mo. is the grandson of Elizabeth (Huntington) b. 1791 at Wendham, Conn.; d. 1862 at Leavenworth and Ebenezer Murray b. 1786 at Plainfield, Mass.; d. 1858 at Terre Haute, Ind. Harvey W. Ide was a lawyer and for eight years Judge of the District Court at Corinth (Saratoga Co.), N.Y. Issue:
 - A. HARVEY JOHN SCHMELZER b. 8-10-1891 Kansas City, Mo.; m. 5-15-1913 MARGARET FOX.
 - B. ALICE SCHMELZER b. 11-24-1900 at Kansas City, Mo.

JACOB SMELZER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

JACOB SMELZER b. 1760 in Pa.; d. 1835. He m. MARY _____ b. 1762; d. 1844. Jacob is listed in Berks Co., Pa. 1779, 1790 and 1818. Issue:

- I. JACOB SMELTZER b. 11-5-1793 in Berks Co.; d. 1881. He m. SUSAN YOCKEY b. 1793 and d. 1890. They had issue:
 - A. JOHN SMELTZER b. 1818 in Bell Twp., Westmoreland Co., Pa.
 - B. SARAH SMELTZER

C. JOSEPH SMELTZER
D. MARY SMELTZER

E. ABSOLOM B. SMELTZER
F. CATHERINE SMELTZER

JOHN GOTTFRIED SCHMELCHER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

JOHN GOTTFRIED SCHMELCHER m. CHRISTINA _____. He is listed in Berks Co., Pa. for 1779 and 1780. There was at least one child:

I. DOROTHEA SCHMELCHER b. 12-9-1752 in Bedminster Twp., Bucks Co., Pa. She was baptized 12-31-1752 at the Tohikon Union Church, and was sponsored by Martin Eyer and Dorothea Beuscher.

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In the Lysle Whitesell Bash (b. 1898) lineage, there is a MARY SMELZER b. 1827; d. 1916; m. 1847 probably in Pa. JONATHAN WHITESELL b. 1825; d. 1911.

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CATHERINE SMELTZER b. 1756; d. 1831; m. JACOB HUFF b. 1751; d. 1831. Jacob Huff was a Private in the Cumberland Co., Pa. Militia during the American Revolution.

MICHAEL SMELTZER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

MICHAEL SMELTZER b. in Pa.; m. SUSAN RHODES (RHOADES) b. in Pa. and an early settler in Ashland Co., Ohio. My guess is that Michael and Jacob (who m. Margaret Bush) Smeltzer are brothers, particularly since both families had been in Manor Twp., Westmoreland, Pa. If so, Michael hailed from Westmoreland Co., Pa. Since Richland and Ashland Counties in Ohio adjoin, I also further believe that subject is the Michael Smeltzer who was one of the early settlers in Milton Twp., Richland Co. in 1818-25. Michael and Susan Smeltzer went to Indiana in 1842. They had nine children; three of whom are listed in the outline below. Much of the information re John (b. 1823) and Henry (b. 1825) Smeltzer descendants was gleaned from the books: Holdeman Descendants by Edwin L. Weaver (E. U. Publishing House, Napanee, Ind. in 1937) and Descendants of Barbara Hochstedler by Rev. Harvey Hochstedler, D.D. (Mennonite Publishing House Co., Scottsdale, Pa. in 1938).

I. JOHN SMELTZER b. 3-26-1823 in Pa.; m. in Ohio LEAH LECHLITNER (LECHLIGHTNER) b. 1826 in Ohio, daughter of Anthony Lechlitner. John went from Richland Co., Ohio, to Indiana in 1848 and settled in Elkhart Co. He established a sawmill there and it became known under the name of John Smeltzer and Sons, then Wakarusa Lumber Co. Issue:

A. SUSAN (SUSANNAH) SMELTZER b. 1846 in Ind.

B. HENRY J. SMELTZER b. 5-18-1848 in Richland Co., O.; m. Sept., 1867 BARBARA A. IPE b. 4-8-1849 in Ohio, daughter of Washington Ipe. Mr. and Mrs. Smeltzer were members of the United Brethren Church. Issue:

1. SUSANNE SMELTZER b. in Ohio; d. 1903. She m. 1888 JACOB W. WALTER, son of Esther (Bachart) and John August Walter. Jacob was b. 9-12-1864 in Ontario, Canada. Susanne and husband lived in Wakarusa, Ind., where he was a lumber man. He m. (2) in 1907 Annie Holderman, daughter of Barbara and John Holderman. No issue by second marriage. Issue:

a. RALPHUS (RALPH) WALTER

b. FLOYD WALTER

2. WILLIAM A. SMELTZER

3. CHARLES E. SMELTZER m. CARRIE _____.

4. HATTIE SMELTZER m. ELI WEISE.
5. CORA SMELTZER
6. CARRIE SMELTZER
7. LIBBIE SMELTZER
8. AGNES SMELTZER
9. MARY I. SMELTZER
10. JOHN H. SMELTZER deceased by 1893.
- C. ANTHONY SMELTZER b. 6-7-1850 in Elkhart, Ind.; m. 1880 HUMA HELWIG b. 11-4-1854 in Mahoning Co., O., daughter of Martha (Ekhart) and Casper Helwig. Mr. and Mrs. Smeltzer were members of the Christian Church. He supported the People's Party.
- D. MICHAEL SMELTZER
- E. CATHERINE SMELTZER
- F. JOSEPH SMELTZER
- G. ELIZABETH (LIBBIE) SMELTZER b. 6-29-1860; m. 1-7-1877 FRED TRISINGER. Mr. and Mrs. Trisinger belonged to the Christian Church. He was a Republican and a partner of the Smeltzer Mill business. They had issue:
 1. MAUDIE J. TRISINGER b. 3-20-1885; d. in infancy.
 2. INFANT d. young.
- H. DANIEL SMELTZER b. 11-28-1857 in Olive Twp., Elkhart, Ind.; m. 1-26-1879 IDA M. LAMMOND b. 5-25-1862 in Ohio, daughter of Nancy (Grove) and Courtland Lammond. Daniel Smeltzer was a Republican, schoolteacher in Wakarusa and Justice of Peace. He also was cashier at the Exchange Bank, Wakarusa.
 1. OLIVE A. SMELTZER m. IRA ESHELMAN.
 2. BUCHANON B. SMELTZER
 3. HAZEL C. SMELTZER m. JACOB B. YARION. They had issue:
 - a. CARLISLE YARION
 - b. EVELYN YARION
 4. FORREST DALE SMELTZER m. ETHEL MOORE. They had issue:
 - a. IDA MARGERY SMELTZER
 - b. MAXINE L. SMELTZER
 5. W. DON SMELTZER
 6. DEWEY SMELTZER
- II. HENRY SMELTZER b. 11-17-1825 in Manor Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; d. 11-2-1895. He m. 11-6-1851 ELIZABETH YODER b. 1830; d. 1914 age 84. The Smeltzers were Mennonites and situated in Elkhart Co., Ind. HENRY and ELIZABETH had issue:
 - A. JACOB Y. SMELTZER b. 3-18-1853; d. 2-15-1921. He m. 3-1-1877 ELIZABETH CULP b. 6-8-1858; d. 6-14-1834 age 76, daughter of Sarah (Wansettler) and Henry Culp. Both the Smeltzers were Mennonites. Mr. Smeltzer was a buyer of poultry. Residence: Nappanee (Elkhart Co.), Ind. Issue:
 1. CARRIE ETTA SMELTZER b. 3-7-1880; d. 7-11-1893, age 13-4-4.
 2. WARREN HENRY SMELTZER b. 12-18-1885; m. 9-2-1908 CLARA C. ANDERSON b. 6-17-1886. Warren Henry Smeltzer received his D.D.S. from Chicago College of Dentistry. The family live in Chicago. Issue:
 - a. WARREN HENRY SMELTZER, JR. b. 10-27-1916. He studied to be a veterinarian at Iowa State College in Ames, Iowa.
 3. CARLTON CULP SMELTZER b. 1-30-1892; m. 1-11-1919 ANNA E. SCHROEDER b. 12-2-1897. Carlton Culp Smeltzer was in W.W.I. (aviation) 268th Aero Squadron attached with the English forces. By trade he is an insurance broker and resides in Chicago.
 4. EDNA FRANCES SMELTZER b. 1-10-1894; d. 8-16-1928 age 34-7-6.

5. ELVA CHARITY SMELTZER b. 10-19-1896 m. 10-26-1919 ROBERT BLACK, son of Pearl (Sloane) and Charles Black. They live in Elkhart, Ind.
 - a. VAUGHN DEXTER BLACK b. 8-25-1920.
 - b. VERA MARIE BLACK b. 5-29-1922.
 - c. CHARLES HENRY BLACK b. 8-26-1923.
 - d. FRANCES ANNETTE BLACK b. 11-29-1924.
 - e. MARY ELIZABETH BLACK b. 12-8-1925.
 - f. CLARA RUTH BLACK b. 9-3-1929.
 - g. PHYLLIS JEAN BLACK b. 9-8-1934.
6. GEORGE LOWELL SMELTZER b. 3-9-1899; m. 3-10-1917 VIOLET LOCKWOOD. He is a machinist and resides in Elkhart, Ind. They had issue:
 - a. CLIFFORD LOWELL SMELTZER b. 10-30-1917.
 - b. HARRY LAMAR SMELTZER b. 4-6-1919.
- B. AMOS SMELTZER b. 5-14-1855; d. 2-10-1860.
- C. SAMUEL SMELTZER b. 2-2-1857; d. 6-15-1933. He m. 9-5-1886 SALOME BURKEY b. 7-8-1868, daughter of Sarah (Bixler) and John Burkey. Samuel farmed about 2½ miles south of Wakarusa in St. Joseph Co. He was a Mennonite and was ordained to the office of deacon 4-16-1898. Issue:
 1. CALVIN B. SMELTZER b. 5-18-1888; m. (1) 1-20-1912 ELSIE F. NITTERO b. 2-19-1893; d. 2-8-1920, daughter of Malinda (Yoder) and Abraham Nit-tero (2) 7-3-1923 MYRTLE MAY GROSH b. 7-23-1895, daughter of Emma (Garber) and Oliver Grosh. They are farmers and Mennonites. They live south of Elkhart. CALVIN and ELSIE (NITTERO) SMELTZER'S issue:
 - a. CLYDE O. SMELTZER b. 4-6-1914; m. 6-30-1936 VIOLA FRANCES HAHN b. 11-16-1917, dau. of Laura S. (Bisle) and Frank Hahn, Jr.
 - b. LOYAL K. SMELTZER b. 4-9-1916 in St. Joseph Co. Address: 4402 Kime Ave., Elkhart, Ind. (?)
 - c. CLAYTON LAMAR SMELTZER b. 11-11-1918 in St. Joseph Co.; d. 4-18-1919 in Madison Twp., age five months.CALVIN and MYRTLE MAY (GROSH) SMELTZER had issue:
 - d. MABEL L. SMELTZER b. 4-6-1924.
 - e. LOIS E. SMELTZER b. 8-28-1926.
 - f. CHARLES W. SMELTZER b. 1-22-1929; d. 2-21-1929.
 - g. SAMUEL O. SMELTZER b. 12-17-1930.
 - h. WALTER E. SMELTZER b. 7-7-1933.
 - i. CARL L. SMELTZER b. 1-6-1935.
 2. LAURA ELLEN SMELTZER b. 12-17-1889; m. 2-5/7-1914 in St. Joseph Co. FRANCIS E. FREED b. 1-5-1893, son of Savilla (Yoder) and Joseph Freed. They farm northeast of Nappanee. Mr. Freed was Sunday School Supt. of Salem Congregation Mennonite Church. Issue:
 - a. FAYMA LUCILE FREED b. 5-5-1918; d. 5-3-1924 age 5-11-28.
 - b. FRANCIS F. FREED, JR. b. 8-30-1925.
 3. CLARA ELNORA SMELTZER b. 11-8-1891; m. 2-20-1913 in St. Joseph Co. RAY F. YODER b. 2-23-1893, son of Elizabeth (Yoder) and Eli Yoder. They belong to the Mennonite Church near Wakarusa and farm on the Eli Yoder farm ca two miles south and 1½ miles east of Wakarusa. Ray F. was ordained a bishop 7-4-1937 and has been Chairman of the Executive Comm. of the Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Sunday School Conference.
 - a. MARIE ANGELINE YODER b. 5-27-1914. She is a nurse and was trained in the hospitals of LaJunta and Denver, Colo.
 - b. PAULINE BERNICE YODER b. 2-13-1916.

- c. ROBERT TRUMAN YODER b. 11-16-1918.
- d. SANFORD RAY YODER b. 1-1-1921.
- e. JOHN MARK YODER b. 1-23-1923.
- f. CLAYTON LAMAR YODER b. 6-14-1925.
- g. MARTHA LEONA YODER b. 4-19-1927.
- h. LENORE ILENE YODER b. 1-2-1930.
- i. WAYNE CARLTON YODER b. 7p15-1932.
- 4. JOHN HENRY SMELTZER b. 7-2-1893; m. 7-22-1920 IDA CULP b. 12-15-1898. They are Mennonites and live on the Samuel Smeltzer farm two miles west and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of Wakarusa. JOHN HENRY and IDA (CULP) had iss.:
 - a. MAXINE EVALYN SMELTZER b. 8-16-1921.
 - b. PRIMROSE FERN SMELTZER b. 10-19-1923.
 - c. VERDA MARIE SMELTZER b. 4-14-1925.
 - d. KENNETH QUINN SMELTZER b. 6-25-1927.
 - e. LESTER GLEN SMELTZER b. 12-19-1928.
 - f. THELMA JOAN SMELTZER b. 2-1-1933.
- 5. GEORGE VALENTINE SMELTZER b. 2-14-1895; m. (1) 3-22-1921 MARY EDNA GROSH b. 2-23-1894; d. 11-8-1932 age 38-8-16 (2) 11-14-1936 LAURA SHAUM b. 2-8-1905. The family are Mennonites. Mr. Smeltzer farms at Elkhart and had issue by first wife:
 - a. LEROY SMELTZER b. 6-1-1922; d. 6-1-1922.
 - b. ALBERT SMELTZER b. 7-3-1927; d. 7-3-1927.
 - c. RAY EDWARD SMELTZER b. 3-13-1930.
 - d. MERVIN JAY SMELTZER b. 11-1-1932.
- 6. EMMA SARAH SMELTZER b. 2-18-1898; d. 4-2-1929 age 31-1-14. She m. 7-24-1921 MANFORD FREED b. 7-23-1900, son of Sarah (Davidhizer) and Joseph Freed. The family spent nine months in the Mennonite Mission at Altoona, Pa. They lived later near Petosky, Mich. Issue:
 - a. EVELYN FAY FREED b. 8-25-1922.
 - b. CLARA ELLEN FREED b. 8-21-1924.
- 7. ELMER LOWELL SMELTZER b. 4-13-1900; m. 6-1-1922 OSEE LEORA HECKAMAN b. 7-20-1902 in Kosciusko Co., Ind.; daughter of Agnes and John Heckaman. Elmer is a milk dealer and lived in South Bend, Ind. Issue:
 - a. RONALD LAMAR SMELTZER b. 6-25-1923.
 - b. MAX EUGENE SMELTZER b. 8-12-1930.
 - c. REX LARRY SMELTZER b. 7-15-1932.
- 8. GRACE NAOMI SMELTZER b. 6-19-1910 in St. Joseph Co.; m. 6-1-1933 ORA M. YODER b. 12-17-1906. He is a school teacher and graduate of Goshen College. They are Mennonites and live at Shipshewana, Ind. Issue:
 - a. JANET ELLEN YODER b. 11-20-1935.
- D. LEVI SMELTZER b. 11-17-1858; d. 5-12-1917. He m. 8-1-1880 EMMA ZOOK b. 2-25-1859, daughter of Susanna (Yoder) and Ephraim Zook. They were Methodists and lived in the vicinity of Wakarusa and also in Michigan. In 1910 they moved to Elkhart. Mr. Smeltzer was a butcher and a farmer. Issue:
 - 1. L. WALTER SMELTZER b. 4-2-1881; m. 11-25-1902 DORA LIGHT. Mr. Smeltzer is an automatic telephone constructional engineer and was stationed with the Antwerp Electric Company in Warsaw, Poland. Issue:
 - a. GENEVIEVE MARIE SMELTZER b. 4-28-1908; d. 5-29-1933 age 25-1-1. She m. 1-17-1930 JERRY L. GREENWOOD, a construction worker.
 - b. ADDIE ELIZABETH SMELTZER b. 6-17-1884; d. 6-25-1884.
- E. LOVINA SMELTZER b. 5-11-1860; d. 2-12-1930. She m. 6-8-1884 TOBIAS JOHN-

SON b. 11-2-1855. They had issue:

1. ELLA ELIZABETH JOHNSON b. 11-20-1885; m. 4-4-1908 DWIGHT DUKER b. 2-4-1885 in Jackson Twp., Elkhart, Ind. He is a singer and the son of Benjamin William and Salome (Miller) Duker. They are members of the Church of Brethren and lived on a farm east of Goshen, Ind. Issue:
 - a. CLYDE OLIVER DUKER b. 3-19-1909; m. 8-24-1935 IRENE POOR b. 8-10-1912 in Celina, Ohio, daughter of Chloe (Andrews) and Earl Poor. Irene was graduated in 1934 from Miami U. (Oxford, O.) and is a librarian. Mr. Duker taught commercial subjects at the Concord High School in Dunlap, Ind.
 - b. CLARA VIOLA DUKER b. 8-23-1912; m. 2-10-1936 WILLIAM F. NELSON, son of Allie (Melter) and John W. Nelson. Mr. W. F. Nelson was a clerk in the Pennsylvania R.R. office in Chicago.
 2. HENRY HARRISON JOHNSON b. 5-29-1889; d. age 16 months.
 3. ANNA ELIZABETH JOHNSON b. 3-14-1891; m. 9-20-1910 FLOYD E. HOUSOUR b. 3-10-1888, son of Sarah Minerva (Kibbler) and Martin Housour. They farm south of Elkhart, Ind. Issue:
 - a. HARLEY MONROE HOUSOUR b. 7-10-1911.
 - b. CHARLES HENRY HOUSOUR b. 6-30-1913; m. 11-25-1934 BERNICE SALLOR, daughter of Oscar Sailor. Charles Henry operated a store in Goshen.
 - c. PAUL EDWARD HOUSOUR b. 3-4-1916; m. 10-11-1936 FERN STAUFFER b. 1-20-1918, daughter of Saide (Troup) and Floyd Stauffer.
 - d. JOY ALMA HOUSOUR b. 6-18-1918; d. 12-21-1918.
 - e. MARY ANN HOUSOUR b. 3-28-1920.
 - f. FREDERICK LEROY HOUSOUR b. 1-8-1924.
 4. DANIEL JOHNSON b. 6-20-1893.
 5. SALOMA ELIZABETH JOHNSON b. 12-18-1894; m. 1-1-1912 JOSEPH GREEN b. 1-5-1893, son of Nora (Zook) and James Green. Joseph is a plater. Subject is a Methodist; last known address: Hively Ave., Elkhart.
 - a. ROBERT ELLSWORTH GREEN b. 2-14-1914.
 - b. KENNETH HAROLD GREEN b. 2-1-1917.
 6. SAMUEL W. JOHNSON b. 9-26-1897; m. (1) 9-26-1921 HELEN BALDWIN. They separated. He m. (2) 11-19-1932 KATHRYN L. GANS b. 9-10-1910. Last known address was in Elkhart. SAMUEL and HELEN (BALDWIN) had issue:
 - a. BETTY ANN JOHNSON b. 7-8-1922.
 - b. DONALD WAYNE JOHNSON b. 7-21-1926.
 SAMUEL and KATHRYN L. (GANS) JOHNSON had issue:
 - c. NANCY LOUISE JOHNSON b. 12-19-1934.
 7. WARREN E. JOHNSON b. 11-28-1899; m. 8-10-1919 MARIE BROCK b. 3-4-1901 in Brown Co., Ind. Mr. Johnson worked for Conn band instrument factory in Elkhart. Issue:
 - a. SHIRLEY JOHNSON b. 4-4-1920.
 - b. ALFRED EUGENE JOHNSON b. 3-17-1929.
 8. ELTA JOHNSON b. 1-30-1905; d. 4-11-1906 age 14 mos. 11 days.
- F. ANNA (ANNIE) SMELTZER b. 2-5-1862; m. (1) 10-31-1880 JACOB LEHMAN b. 12-10-1857; d. 1-29-1904; son of Hannah (Holderead) and Josiah Lehman (2) HENRY LETHERMAN, son of Rachel (Shaum) and Isaac Letherman. Henry d. 3-1-1925. She was a Mennonite. They lived in Elkhart Co., Ind. Issue:
1. LLOYD LEHMAN b. 8-28-1883; m. ZOLA TRUEX. Add.: near Plymouth, Ind.
 - a. DONALD LEHMAN

- b. GERALD LEHMAN
- 2. OSCAR LEHMAN b. 11-30-1887; d. 6-10-1906 age 18-6-10.
- 3. HOMER LEHMAN b. 1-23-1890; m. 10-20-1911 GRACE FREDERICK b. 1-11-1894, daughter of Nora (Andrews) and Joseph Frederick. They farm northwest of Nappanee, Ind. Issue:
 - a. RUSSELL HOWARD LEHMAN b. 4-23-1912; d. 8-28-1923.
 - b. WARREN DEVON LEHMAN b. 6-2-1913; d. 6-8-1913.
 - c. MARIAN JEANETTE LEHMAN b. 3-16-1921.
 - d. FREDERICK DALE LEHMAN b. 7-18-1929.
 - e. ROSEMARY JOAN LEHMAN b. 8-21-1930.
- 4. ELMER E. LEHMAN b. 8-6-1892; m. 6-5-1917 LITA M. MILLER b. 7-29-1892, daughter of Benjamin E. Miller. They are members of the Presbyterian Church. Elmer received his A.B. from Goshen College 1916. He was a school teacher and then a book salesman. Address: Columbus, Ohio.
 - a. ANNETTE M. LEHMAN b. 7-18-1918.
- 5. GRACE LEHMAN b. 12-3-1898; m. 3-17-1917 ROY SUMMER/SUMMERS, son of Annette (Clague) and David Summer. Mr. Summer was a meat cutter and then a subscription agent for the Elkhart Truth. Mrs. Summer and her husband are members of the Church of the Brethren and both are Sunday School Superintendents. They live in Wakarusa, Ind. Issue:
 - a. HELEN LOUISE SUMMER b. 10-20-1919.
 - b. ALICE MARIE SUMMER b. 2-8-1922.
 - c. RUBY KATHRYN SUMMER b. 2-6-1925.
- 6. NORAH ELIZABETH LEHMAN b. 1-5-1891; m. 1-11-1921 ROSS SAWYER b. 4-28-1901, son of Addie (Ferrier) and Edward Sawyer. Address: Wakarusa.
 - a. NORMA MAY SAWYER b. 2-4-1922.
 - b. WAYNE ROSS SAWYER b. 3-8-1926.
- G. DAVID SMELTZER b. 12-5-1863; d. 12-23-1936. He m. 7-11-1886 MARY HOLDEMAN b. 10-15-1863; d. 12-19-1934. They were Mennonites. In 1918 they lived on a farm near Wakarusa. Issue:
 - 1. HENRY EDWIN SMELTZER b. 12-9-1889; d. 2-2-1894 age 4-1-23.
 - 2. CLARENCE RAY SMELTZER b. 11-25-1891; m. (1) 2-11-1915 MINNIE CATHERINE WOGOMON (2) 10-4-1928 MARY YODER. They lived on the old Henry Smeltzer farm which was later owned by David Smeltzer, one mile north of Wakarusa, Ind. CLARENCE and MINNIE SMELTZER had issue:
 - a. ROY OLEN SMELTZER b. 11-22-1915; d. 12-17-1934 age 19 yrs. 25 days
 - b. VERNON RAY SMELTZER b. 2-2-1917; d. 2-2-1917.
 - c. RUTH ELLEN SMELTZER b. 2-16-1919.
 - d. KENNETH LAMAR SMELTZER b. 1-3-1921; d. 1-29-1921.
 - e. VIOLA MARIE SMELTZER b. 1-27-1922.
 - f. MAYNARD LAVERNE SMELTZER b. 11-23-1924; d. 11-23-1924.
 CLARENCE and MARY (YODER) SMELTZER had issue:
 - g. DALE EUGENE SMELTZER b. 8-25-1930.
 - h. JAMES OWEN SMELTZER b. 3-17-1932.
 - i. RALPH JAY SMELTZER b. 8-2-1933; d. 5-4-1937.
 - j. MELBA FAYE SMELTZER b. 10-31-1936.
 - 3. JOHN OLEN SMELTZER b. 10-14-1893; m. 12-8-1917 MARTHA ELLEN YODER. They live in Wakarusa, where he is a truck driver. Mennonites.
 - a. ELMA FERN SMELTZER b. 9-14-1918.
 - b. CURTIS ORVILLE SMELTZER b. 3-20-1920.
 - c. ANNA MARY SMELTZER b. 3-22-1921.

- d. ELIZABETH ELLEN SMELTZER b. 1-8-1923.
- e. EDNA JUNE SMELTZER b. 6-25-1924.
- f. LOWELL KEITH SMELTZER b. 9-23-1925. Add.: Wakarusa (?)
- g. LENA BERNICE SMELTZER b. 4-22-1927.
- h. TREVA FAYE SMELTZER b. 4-26-1932.
- i. DOROTHY LOUISE SMELTZER b. 6-28-1933.
- 4. DORA ELIZABETH SMELTZER b. 5-13-1900; d. 1-21-1901 age 8 mos. 8 days.
- 5. WALTER ELDON SMELTZER b. 3-5-1904; d. 12-17-1934 age 30-9-12.
- H. SUSAN SMELTZER b. 5-27-1865; d. 9-5-1866.
- I. AARON SMELTZER b. 3-25-1867; d. 5-13-1930. He m. 12-31-1890 ELIZABETH GARBER b. 11-7-1869. Aaron was a Mennonite, Sunday School teacher, farmer and employee of the George Freese Creamery Co. in Nappanee, Ind.
 - 1. WILMA LUELLA SMELTZER b. 3-8-1892; m. 4-1-1911 LEANDER LEONARD HERSBERGER. Issue:
 - a. CLYDE LAMAR HERSHBERGER b. 7-6-1912; m. 8-19-1936 MAXINE WELDY b. 6-17-1916, daughter of Ella (Benneman) and Timothy Weldy.
 - b. LOWELL DEVON HERSHBERGER b. 8-24-1914.
 - c. EVELYN MAE HERSHBERGER b. 5-21-1916; d. 4-2-1924 age 7-10-11.
 - d. GLADYS LUCILLE HERSHBERGER b. 10-10-1918.
 - e. VERDA ELIZABETH HERSHBERGER b. 1-20-1920.
 - f. MAXINE LOIS HERSHBERGER b. 5-5-1924.
 - 2. DAVID RAY SMELTZER b. 9-18-1894; d. 10-9-1898 age 4 years 21 days.
 - 3. VERDA IRENE SMELTZER b. 7-20-1900; m. 11-27-1919 GILGIAN A. BIRKEY. They are Mennonites and live in Bremen, Ind. (?). Mr. Birkey, b. 10-22-1897, is a salesman and opened a commercial chicken hatchery at Bremen. They had issue:
 - a. BETTY J. BIRKEY b. 3-5-1921.
 - b. GLENNIS J. BIRKEY b. 3-20-1922.
 - c. DARLENE MAE BIRKEY b. 3-23-1923.
 - d. MARILYN JANE BIRKEY b. 7-23-1926.
 - e. ROBERT NEWELL BIRKEY b. 12-21-1928.
 - 4. PAUL ROLLIN SMELTZER b. 3-5-1902; m. 11-25-1922 THELMA FISHER.
 - a. PAUL ROLLIN SMELTZER, JR. b. 10-13-1923.
 - b. MAXWELL SMELTZER who d. in infancy.
 - c. RONALD HAROLD SMELTZER who d. in infancy.
 - d. DONALD GERALD SMELTZER (twin?) who d. in infancy.
 - e. PHIL WADE SMELTZER b. 6-20-1931.
 - f. MARY LOU SMELTZER b. 3-3-1933.
 - 5. MAYNARD MARLAND SMELTZER b. 7-16-1905; d. in infancy.
- J. MARGARET SALOME SMELTZER b. 1-15-1869; m. (1) 2-15-1890 ARCHIBALD LOCKER (2) EDWARD GREGAX, a non-demoninational minister. He also manufactured ladders at Pomona, Calif., Archibold, Ohio, and South Bend. Issue:
 - 1. ELSIE E. LOCKER b. 6-18-1894; m. 6-29-1912 in St. Joseph, Mich., OMER BOSWORTH. Last known add.: 1321 W. Second St., Pomona, Calif.
 - a. LLOYD O. BOSWORTH (twin) b. 5-11-1918.
 - b. FLOYD O. BOSWORTH (twin) b. 5-11-1918.
 - 2. ELLIS A. LOCKER b. 1-29-1902; m. 7-26-1929 NELLIE CALDWELL. Last known address: 505 Randolph Ave., Pomona, Calif. Issue:
 - a. THOMAS EDWARD LOCKER b. 10-23-1934.
- K. MARY ELLEN SMELTZER b. 6-4-1871; m. 4-10-1894 JOHN MARK PARCELL b. 2-13-1870. She is a Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church. Add.: Wakarusa.

1. GRACE BERNICE PARCELL b. 8-8-1894; m. 10-12-1932 EARL G. CLARK b. 3-8-1885 near Rockford, Ill., son of Emma (Parkerson) and Floyd Clark.
2. LULU BELLE PARCELL b. 3-27-1898. She was a saleslady at Ziesel Bros. Department Store in Elkhart, Ind.
3. RUSSELL LOWELL PARCELL b. 9-27-1903; d. 9-27-1903.
4. MARY ELIZABETH PARCELL b. 8-9-1905; m. 2-8-1907 WALTER MORAN. Last known address: 4512 Greenview North, Chicago, Ill. Issue:
 - a. JOHN P. MORAN b. 10-4-1935.
 - b. PATRICK J. MORAN b. 10-13-1936.
5. JOSEPH CARL PARCELL b. 5-29-1907; m. 6-25-1928 MARTHA MAE FLICKER.
 - a. CAROL JEAN PARCELL b. 10-28-1930; d. 2-16-1931.
 - b. VERA MAE PARCELL b. 3-6-1932.
 - c. EVELYN LOUISE PARCELL b. 6-21-1934.
 - d. JO ANN PARCELL b. 3-22-1936.
- L. SOLOMON (ENOS?) SMELTZER b. 7-18-1873; d. 3-18-1875.

JACOB SMELTZER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

JACOB SMELTZER was b. 1803/06 in Westmoreland Co., Pa.; d. 1888 at Marion Co., O. He m. MARGARET BUSH who d. in Pa., her native state, before 1861. Jacob was a weaver by trade and a farmer. He came to Ohio after his wife's death in 1861. There were nine children from this union; in 1890, six were living, and five of those were living in the "west." I believe Jacob is the brother of Michael.

- I. DAVID SMELTZER b. 10-31-1825 in Hempfield Twp., Westmoreland Co., Pa.; m. (1) MARIA ROWE who d. 1860 (2) ELIZABETH STEINER. David Smeltzer was reared on a farm and learned the trade of wagon-maker with Isaac Barr. He engaged in this business at Grapeville (Westmoreland Co.), Pa. Issue:
 - A. JOHN A. SMELTZER of Marion Co., Ohio.
 - B. CYRUS F. SMELTZER b. 10-19-1854 at Hempstead Twp.; m. 12-23-1875 MARY E. BIGELOW of Hempfield Twp. Cyrus was an "excellent tradesman, a genial accommodating man and a leading citizen of Adamsburg."⁹⁵ He entered his father's shop (wagon-making) at the age of 14. Then he went to Adamsburg and opened his own establishment. He was a Democrat and held various offices. He was a member of the Council and School Board of Adamsburg in 1890. CYRUS F. and MARY E. (BIGELOW) SMELTZER had issue:
 1. EDGAR H. SMELTZER b. 10-11-1876
 2. ARTHUR D. SMELTZER b. 2-10-1879
 3. ANNIE L. SMELTZER b. 9-28-1881
 4. GEORGE E. SMELTZER b. 10-29-1883
 5. FRANK O. SMELTZER b. 11-21-1886
 6. ALLEN THURMAN SMELTZER b. 8-9-1888. Was he in Dayton, O. at one time?
 - C. SAMUEL SMELTZER b. 1856; d. 12-25-1868 age 12, killed on the Pennsylvania R.R. at Irwin, Pa., by falling with the back on his head hitting the frozen ties.
 - D. MARY SMELTZER m. JOHN PIFER of Pennsylvania Station. DAVID and ELIZABETH (STEINER) SMELTZER had issue:
 - E. GEORGE B. SMELTZER
 - F. HARRY O. SMELTZER
 - G. WILLIAM J. SMELTZER
 - H. SARAH J. SMELTZER
 - I. AGNES SMELTZER

- II. DANIEL J. SMELTZER (9th child and 5th son) was b. 9-2-1840 in Westmoreland Co., Pa.; m. 10-3-1865 LUCY SHERMAN b. in Rochester, N.Y., daughter of Eber and Florinda Sherman. Daniel was reared in Westmoreland Co., but came to Marion Co., Ohio, when 20 years old, where his father had bought a farm in the southern part of the county. Daniel entered land in Pleasant Twp. and was considered one of the early settlers of the county. He was a blacksmith and a Democrat, and with his wife, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Ch.
- A. JACOB H. SMELTZER b. 8-14-1866 in Marion Twp., Marion Co., O.; m. JULIA MALONEY. Jacob was reared in Green Camp Twp. on his father's farm, and with the exception of three years near Owens Station in Pleasant Twp., always lived in Green Camp Twp. He attended the Ohio Normal University at Ada, after which he taught school for eight years, three of which were at Owens Station. He worked ca 18 mos. at Owens in the John D. Owens store. He later engaged in general farming and stock raising. Julia is the daughter of Margaret (Dean) and Bryan Maloney, both born in Ireland, who came to America when children. JACOB and JULIA had issue:
1. MARGARET RHEA SMELTZER
 2. LUCY LENA SMELTZER
- B. CORA F. SMELTZER m. DAVID KIRTS
- C. PERRY SMELTZER who d. 9-27-1872 age 15 mos.

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Marion County, Ohio - Miscellaneous

SAMUEL SMELTZER, Director (elected 1-8-1883) of the Marion and Middletown Turnpike

Philip O. Redd, b. 12-24-1818 in Washington Co., Pa. (son of Daniel and Margaret Redd) d. 1857. The Redds originated in Germany, and both grandfathers -- Redd and Oller -- were in the Revolutionary War. In 1849 Philip went to California, walking all the way, but was shot accidentally in the right arm and was compelled to return to Marion. He m. 6-29-1843 Elizabeth Rupp, daughter of George and Mary M. (Wolf) Rupp. The family were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church where Philip was Trustee 24 years, Steward 10 yrs., and S.S. Supt. several years. Iss.:

James K. Redd	Lee G. Redd	Tabitha Redd m. Willis Wor-
Minerva (twin) Redd m. Samuel Berry		Ella B. Redd line
MARY REDD (twin) m. JOHN SMELTZER		Addison T. Redd (twin)
MARGARET REDD m. JACOB SMELTZER		Netta A. Redd (twin)

CHRISTOPHER C. SMELTZER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

CHRISTOPHER C. SMELTZER b. 7-25-1841 in Armstrong Co., Pa.; m. SARAH CHRISSMAN. Christopher was a farmer, Democrat, and Lutheran. He lived near Ellerton, Pa.

- I. ADA SMELTZER m. CLAUDE CHAMBERS of Gove Co., Kansas.
- II. ROBERT CHARLES SMELTZER who was a heater in the mills of Vandergrift (Westmoreland Co.), Pa.
- III. ANNA M. SMELTZER m. WILLIAM MEEKER of Russell Co., Kansas.
- IV. JENNIE SMELTZER m. DAVID FOX of Pawnee Co., Kansas.
- V. CARRIE SMELTZER m. GIBSON SLOANE of Pawnee Co., Kansas.
- VI. JOHN SLOAN SMELTZER b. 2-10-1878 in Adams Co., Ohio; m. 2-1-1898 DAISY E. SHELLHAMER, daughter of Mary (Beck) and Jacob Shellhamer of Armstrong Co., Pa. John Sloan entered the mills of Apollo Iron and Steel Co. (rougner and roller). He is a Democrat. Address: Vandergrift Heights, Pa. Issue:

1. VIOLA M. SMELTZER
2. RITA E. SMELTZER
3. ORA A. T. SMELTZER
4. EVA E. SMELTZER
5. WILLARD S. SMELTZER

JACOB SMELTZER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

JACOB SMELTZER b. probably in Maryland, and of German descent, m. ARIE E. MC LAIN of Maryland, and of Scotch descent. They were m. in Maryland and lived there until Mrs. Smeltzer d. 1879. Jacob moved to Ohio then, and d. there 5-12-1883.

They had at least one child:

- I. WILLIAM H. SMELTZER b. Frederick Co., Md., 6-5-1847; d. 1-26-1920 in Henry Co. (Book CSS6, p. 48) in Indiana. Subject moved to Henry Co. when 24 years of age and worked on a farm for John Stanley for about 18 months. Then he farmed on Riles Stanley's farm for ca four years and removed to Delaware Co., Ind., for one year. He belonged to Fidelity Lodge, No. 54, I.O.O.F. of New Market, Ind. Mrs. Smeltzer was a Methodist Episcopalian. They had issue:
 - A. ELZORA SMELTZER b. 1879; d. 9-22-1893 in Liberty Twp., Henry Co., Ind. (Book CSS2, p. 66).
 - B. LULU MAY SMELTZER d. 2-14-1891 age 20 in Sulphur Springs, Henry Co. (Bk. CSS2, p. 15A) She m. 9-13-1903 in Henry Co. ALONZO MC SHERLEY. Issue:
 1. FEMALE b. 3-13-1904 in Henry Co.

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Also in Henry Co., Ind.: MOSES SMELTZER

FRANK SMELTZER m. HAMON. They had a son GORDON b. 8-4-1910 in Henry Co. (Book CCS9, p. 76).

PEARL M. SMELTZER m. MARTIN LUNDY 11-30-1905 in Henry Co. (Book CC12, p. 98) Issue:

1. Z. J. LUNDY (female) b. 10-11-1914 in Henry Co.

NORA B. SMELTZER m. HENRY ALVEY 9-16-1888 in Henry Co.

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JACOB SMELTZER lived in Miami Co., Ohio. He d. in Miami Co. 1839 or 1840. His will (Book B, p. 64, 3-20-1840) does not name a wife, so she must had predeceased him. Children named are:

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| 1. <u>ADAM SMELTZER</u> | 4. <u>SUSAN SMELTZER</u> | 7. <u>TRACY SMELTZER</u> dec. before 1840. Married. |
| 2. <u>JOHN SMELTZER</u> | 5. <u>LYDEAN SMELTZER</u> | |
| 3. <u>JACOB SMELTZER</u> | 6. <u>SALLYANN SMELTZER</u> | 8. <u>ELIZABETH SMELTZER</u> m. |

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HENRY B. SMELTZER represented the legal contingent of Troy, O. (or Piqua) 1850 ca.

JOHN V. SMELTZER was b. in Pa.; he died in Troy (Miami Co.), Ohio. In 1826 he m. NANCY BURNS b. 8-20-1807 in Waynesboro, Va. or Pa. John came to Coshocton Co., O. from Zanesville, O. 1816-1818 from Pa. His move to Zanesville, with his parents, was in his very early years. He served there as an apprentice in the hat shop of Mr. Ricketts, but the work was injurious to his health, so he clerked in Mr. R.'s store, instead. In 1826 he went to Roscoe (Coshocton Co.), O., and engaged in

mercantile pursuits. He was at one time associated with Alexander Renfrew and also Ransom and Medberry. He then went to Piqua where he d. (One source says Troy.) John V. Smeltzer has been described as a fluent speaker of both English and German, very popular, and prepossessing in appearance. He served one term as sheriff in Coshocton. John V. was an elected member of the Ohio Legislature of 1827-28. His wife, Nancy Burns, is the daughter of Samuel Burns (b. 3-12-1770 in Westmoreland Co., Pa.) and Jane Legget (b. 1767 near Carlisle, Pa. Jane was first m. to Richard Lambertson. Her father was b. in Ireland and was sold for his passage to this country. Her mother was b. near Little York, Pa.; her name is Sarah Yost, and she is of Pennsylvania Dutch descent) d. 11-29-1845 age 78. She m. (3) John Crawley, Sr., of Coshocton and had four children. She d. 2-24-1834. Samuel Burns came to this country at an early date and was Justice of Peace many years and was known as "Squire Burns." He d. 9-21-1852.

Probably connected with the above families are the following Smeltzers who were married in Muskingum Co., Ohio:

JOHN V. SMELTZER m. 9-4-1851 (by L. P. Leonard) in Muskingum Co. ELIZABETH J. Keyser. John was a charter member of Howard Encampment No. 79, chartered 7-2-1858, and a member of the Board of Education (Zanesville) elected 4-1-1872.
BENNETT SMELTZER m. 1-6-1856 (by J. A. Brener) CAROLINE HAMPTON.
MARY SMELTZER m. 10-6-1918 (by C. Spangler, J.P.) MATHEW FURGUS.
CATHERINE SMELTZER m. 4-23-1815 (by C. Spangler) GEORGE GIRTY.
ELIZABETH SMELTZER m. 10-26-1816 WALTER MC KINEY.
VALENTINE SMELTZER m. 11-3-1825 (by David Proudfit) REBECCA CALHOON.
MARY AMANDA SMELTZER m. 9-11-1834 (by. S. J. Cox) JOHN HILLIARD.

In Muskingum Co.: BENJAMIN SMELTZER, member of The Hope Hose Co., org. 5-5-1851.

Gallia and Shelby Counties, Ohio:

JOHN SMELTZER m. CHRISTINA BLAZER. Issue:
 I. ADAM SMELTZER b. 1807 in Gallia Co., O.; m. 1834 MARGARET SMITH b. 1817 in Pa. the daughter of Elizabeth (Sigler) and Adam Smith. The Adam Smeltzers lived in Shelby Co., O., where they located in 1852/53. Issue:
 A. CHRISTINA SMELTZER b. 1837 in Gallipolis (Gallia Co.), O.; m. 1854 ALFRED WOODRUFF b. 1829 in Cincinnati, O. He moved to Shelby Co. 1843 with fa.
 1. MARGARET J. WOODRUFF 2. GEORGE W. WOODRUFF 3. EMILY A. WOODRUFF
 4. THOMAS G. WOODRUFF 5. LENORA WOODRUFF 6. PAUL WOODRUFF
 7. REUBEN L. WOODRUFF
 B. ROBERT SMELTZER b. 1839 was with the 20th O.V.I. four yrs., Civil War.
 C. THOMAS SMELTZER was in the Union Army (20th O.V.I.) one yr. and 2 yrs. with Ohio Cavalry during Civil War. He spent nine months in Rebel prison.
 D. REUBEN SMELTZER served 3 yrs. with 20th O.V.I., Civil War.
 E. ERASTUS SMELTZER
 F. SYLVANUS SMELTZER
 G. MARY SMELTZER

Ashland Co., Ohio:

MICHAEL SMELTZER was an early settler of Milton Twp.

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Adams Co., Ohio: OLIVER SMELTZER, charter member of Crystal Tiffin Twp. Lodge No. 114, Knights of Pythias, instituted 6-12-1878.

Richland Co., Ohio: MICHAEL SMELTZER, early settler in Milton Twp.

WAR OF THE REBELLION -- OHIO

Co. F 141	<u>SMELTZER, DARIUS M.</u>	Private	20	5-2-1864	Pd. 100 days	Disch. 9-'64.
141	<u>SMELTZER, JOSEPH</u>	"	28	"	"	Wounded twice
	by bushwackers (6-20-1864) while guarding dispatch-bearer near Barboursville, W. Va., mustered out with co. 9-3-1864.					
141	<u>SMELTZER, PETER</u>	Private	27	5-2-1864	Pd. 100 days	9-3-1864
Unassigned	<u>SMELTZER, MICHAEL R.</u>	"	24	4-12-1865	1 day	Mustered out
	at Tod Barracks, Ohio, order of War Dept. 5-15-1865.					
Co. C 183	<u>SMELTZER, ADAM</u>	Sgt.	21	10-21-1862	3 days	Transferred
	from Co. K 118th OVI 6-24-1865. Mustered out with co. 7-17-'65					
52nd	<u>SMELSER, CHARLES W.</u>	Private	22	2-11-1864	3 days	Killed 7-19-1864 in Battle of Peach Tree Creek, Georgia.
Co. H 52nd	<u>SMELSER, CHARLES W.</u>	Private	d.	7-19-1864	at Marietta, Ga., interred at section J, grave 217.	
42nd	<u>SMELTZER, MICHAEL</u>	Private	22	10-8-1862	9 mos.	Drafted; must. in as Michael Smelser; out 7-7-1863 at Camp Alice, Miss., on expiration of term of service.
62nd	<u>SMELSER, ANELEM</u>	Private	35	9-23-1864	1	Drafted. Must. out at Richmond, Va., by order of War Dept. 6-21-1865.
58th	<u>SMELSER, WILLIAM</u>	Private	24	3-9-1865	1	Must. out with company 9-16-1865.
Co. B 93rd	<u>SMELZER, FRANCIS M.</u>	Private	44	7-21-1862	3	Disch. 5-29-1863 at Murfreesboro, Tenn., order of War Dept.
Co. G 185th	<u>SMELTZER, CHARLES W.</u>	Corpl.	24	2-14-1865	1	Mustered out at Lexington, Ky. 7-14-1865 by order of War Dept.
Co. F 185th	<u>SMELTZER, HENRY C.</u>	Corpl.	22	2-14-1865	1	Must. out War Dept.
Co. G 9th	<u>SMELTZER, THOMAS</u>	Com. Ser.	21	8-16-1863	3	Mustered out as private; appt. ____; must. out with co. 7-20-1865.
Co. A 2nd	<u>SCHMELTZER, CHRISTIAN</u>	Private	34	2-27-1864	3	Discharged 5-16-1865 on Surgeon's Certif. of disability.
Co. I 183rd	<u>SCHMELTZER, JACOB</u>	Private	43	11-10-1864	1	Mustered out 5-29-1865 at Camp Dennison, Ohio, by order of War Dept.
Co. H 35th	<u>SCHMELTZER, JOHN G.</u>	Corpl.	19	8-26-1861	3	Appt. Corpl. 11-12-1863; mustered out with company 9-8-1864.

DAVID SMELTZER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

DAVID SMELTZER m. (1) MARGARET _____ who d. 1874 and is buried at Union Deposit in Dauphin Co., Pa. (2) AMANDA PAGE (3) SARAH WIRT. There were 12 children, at least seven of whom were by Mr. Smeltzer's first wife. Issue:

I. WILLIAM SMELTZER b. 1-23-1872 near Harrisburg, Pa.; m. 3-7/27-1895 LAURA MAY ELLINGHAM. They moved to Indiana 1890 and in 1898 settled on a farm in Rock Creek Twp., Wells Co. Issue:

A. EDNA MAY SMELTZER b. 1-2-1896; m. 8-19-1916 in Wells Co. (Book 10, p. 135) CALVIN MC AFEE. Issue:

1. MALE b. 2-18-1917 in Wells Co. (Book H13, p. 2)

- B. LOLA SMELTZER b. 1-27-1900; m. 7-12-1919 in Wells Co. HOWARD HIGHLEM.
 1. MARCELE HIGHLEM b. 12-17-1919 in Wells Co. (Book H13, p. 71).

C. EARL SMELTZER

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| II. <u>ROBERT SMELTZER</u> | VIII. <u>HARRY (HARVEY?) SMELTZER</u> b. 1869; d. 8-10-1913 |
| III. <u>RUTH SMELTZER</u> | in Wells Co.; m. 3-13-1899 in Wells Co. (Book |
| IV. <u>MINNIE SMELTZER</u> | C9, p. 194) <u>ELIZABETH MOSSY</u> . Issue: |
| V. <u>SAMUEL SMELTZER</u> | A. <u>MALE</u> b. 2-17-1906 in Wells Co. |
| VI. <u>JOHN SMELTZER</u> | B. <u>ERMA SMELTZER</u> b. 11-14-1901; m. 2-25-1920 |
| VII. <u>ANN SMELTZER</u> | in Wells Co. <u>EUGENE WILKIN</u> . |
| | IX. <u>MARGARET SMELTZER</u> |
| | X. <u>SADIE SMELTZER</u> XII. <u>ROY SMELTZER</u> |
| | XI. <u>CHARLES SMELTZER</u> |

Also in Rock Creek Twp. is CALVIN SMELSER b. 1860; d. 5-11-1918 age 58, in Wells Co. (Book H19, p. 20). He m. MARY ELLA EDRIS b. ca 1865. No doubt Calvin and David, above, are related -- possibly brothers.

Too: JOHN SMELTZER m. SARAH FISHER. (He might be the son of David, above.)
 Issue: ELMER DAVID SMELTZER b. 12-20-1881; m. 1-30-1906 in Wells Co. ROSETTA MADDUX.

Either the same JOHN m. ADA ROSE and had issue: VIOLET SMELTZER b. 12-25-1901; m. RUBEN HART 6-19-1920 in St. Joseph Co., Ind.

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SMELTZER, CLARENCE HARRY, univ. prof.; b. Bellefonte, Pa., 9-4-1900; s William C. and Sallie A. (Garbrick) Smeltzer; B.S., Columbia, 1922, A.M., 1923; Ph.D., Ohio State Univ., 1931; m. Margaret W. Musina, 6-22-1927; 1 dau., Kay Margaret. Teacher and Asst. principal, McBurney Jr. Sch., New York, New York, 1920-24; instr. in psychology, Temple U., Phila, 1924-29, etc. (from Who's Who in America 1956-57).

SMELZER, DONALD CAMPBELL, physician; b. Montreal, P.Q., Jan. 7, 1896, s. John Hamilton and Lillian Campbell Smelzer; came to U.S., 1922, naturalized, 1930; M.D., C.M., McGill U., 1918, etc. (from Who's Who in America 1956-57).

Michigan: At Utica, Michigan Cemetery Assn. - sold to Peter Smeltzer 7-12-1897 for amount of \$4.00.

Barry Co.: Jacob Schmelcher resided at Irving; d. 12-2-1897 age 90; living in the county 44 years.

Ostego Co.: Weldon Twp., J. B. (Schmeltzer) Smeltzer came 1881-82.

Saginaw Co.: Nicholas Schmelzer d. 7-5-1896 at his home 1100 S. Washington Ave., of cancer of the stomach. He was 67. Resident there 45. He was one of the best known merchants in the valley. In grocery and furniture business. Issue: John, Frank, Joseph, Mrs. Charles Alber, Libbie (unm.).

W. Va.: Buried at Woodmere Cemetery: Elmer E. Smeltzer b. 1861; d. 1936 and Emma Smeltzer b. 1874; d. 1938.

A. J. P. Smeltzer in Jefferson Co.

Rev. S. Smeltzer was pastor 1856 Uvilla Lutheran Ch., Jefferson Co.

Ky. & Mo.: John Smeltser m. Bourbon Co., Ky. 9-30-1802 Sarah Smeltser.

John Smelser m. Elizabeth McConnel. He was b. 3-1-1797. (Taken from

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family Bible, according to Chase Dillon Smelser) -- Boone's Bible?
John Smelser's wife, Sarah, b. 1815; d. 1887 and is buried at Lee's Summit Cemetery in Jackson Co., Mo. (Jackson is next to Clay Co.).

Joseph Smelser - Bourbon Co., Ky. listed Index to Estates 1785-1840.

Pennsylvania: Annie Smelser m. Barney Shenk b. 2-13-1878, son of Julia Margaret (Kauffman) who m. 9-21-1871 Elijah B. Shenk.

MISCELLANEOUS:

DANIEL SMELTZER m. _____ CAYLOR. Issue:

- I. MOLLY SMELTZER b. ca 1870 Hamilton Co., Ind.; d. ca 1930 Arcadia, Ind. She m. HOLSINGER-BRILL.
- II. FRANK SMELTZER b. 1885 in Hamilton Co.; d. ca 1940 at Piermont, Ind.
- III. NOLA SMELTZER b. ca 1887; d. 1950 at Arcadia; m. _____ MUSBAUGH.
- IV. FLOYD SMELTZER b. ca 1895.
- V. GRACE SMELTZER b. ca 1900; m. _____ SIGO. VI. IVAN SMELTZER b. ca 1900.
- VII. JOHN CAYLOR SMELTZER b. 8-9-1889 Hamilton Co.; m. (1) 1910 HAZEL SWANK at home of Rev. Wolfe in Wilmington, Dela. (2) 1941 at Carson City, Nevada by Father Keene, Episcopal Church, CLARIBEL PETERS of Fargo, N.D. Mr. Smeltzer attended Manchester College 1907-1910. He is a commercial teacher. Address: 1864 Brentwood Rd., Oakland 2, Calif. He has been Treas. Oakland Federation of Teachers 15 yrs. Interests: opera, reading, radio, TV.
 - A. MRS. JEANNE JONES-CRONIN b. 1915 Tulare, Calif.
 - B. JACK SMELTZER b. 1919 at Modesto, Calif.

ABRAHAM SMELTZER b. Germany. He had ABRAHAM, JR. b. 5-19-1826 in Nappanee, Ind.; m. SUSAN CLOUSE b. 3-6-1832 Lancaster, Pa.; d. 1914. Issue: AMOS SMELTZER b. 9-29-1858 m. (1) 1-17-1884 Goshen, Ind. EVA MILLER b. 8-4-1865; d. 8-27-1945. (2) ? HANNAH MILLER b. 6-21-1845 in Ohio. Issue:

- I. JESSE ADAM SMELTZER b. 4-28-1887 Nappanee; m. 8-18-1910 Girard, Ill. OLIVE M. HECKMAN. Jesse received his A.B. 1915 from Manchester College and B.D. 1916 from Bethany Biblical Seminary. Elected to ministry 1908 at Cands, N. D. Pastor of five churches and elder of several others. Interests: fishing, roque, gathering family history. Add.: 2550 Second, LaVerne, Calif.
 - A. RALPH EMERSON SMELTZER b. 5-26-1916 Chicago. Add.: 282 Hamilton Ave., Elgin, Ill. He is a minister.
 - B. MAURICE RUSSELL SMELTZER b. 1-12-1918 Girard, Ill. Add.: 1517 Deventer Drive, LaVerne, Calif.
 - C. DELBERT LYNN SMELTZER b. 8-8-1923 Covina, Calif. Address: 1921 Random Drive, Anaheim, Calif.
- II. REV. WILLARD W. SMELTZER b. 2-27-1891; d. 9-24-1944; bur. Zion, N.D.
- III. WILBURN L. SMELTZER b. 2-27-1891; d. 2-9-1957 in Gary, Ind.
- IV. ZORA SMELTZER b. 10-22-1893 Nappanee; m. 3-14-1915 Cands, N.D. CLARENCE E. STONG b. 12-23-1893 Lafayette, Ind. Add.: 1721 Telegraph, Stockton, Calif.
- V. MERRILL SMELTZER b. 10-18-1899 in Cands. Dr. Smeltzer lives at 1440 S. Third St., Walla Walla, Wash.
- VI. ELMER SMELTZER b. 5-21-1901 Cands, N.D.
- VII., VIII., and IX. FEMALES who d. in infancy.

NOTE: Mr. William Schmelzer, 14 Stolwykstraat, Amsterdam, Holland, has traced his family lengthily. Regretfully, I am unable to reproduce findings here. (space)

WILLIAM E. SMELSER, teacher. Killed on rr at Lagudi, Ind. Issue:

- I. WILLIAM E. SMELSER, JR.
 - A. FEMALE living in California. B. PAUL SMELSER living in Los Angeles.
 - C. ROY H. SMELSER b. 5-20-1898 D. EVA SMELSER m. KELLER. Kokomo. m. EDNA C. BARNETT. Add.: 101 N. 17th, Richmond, Ind.
 1. ROBERT T. SMELSER b. 1-1-1918 in Richmond or Howard Co., Ind.
 - a. LOUISE SMELSER b. 1942 b. JEANNETTE SMELSER b. 1943.
- II. GRACE SMELSER m. MORRISON. Add.: 1027 N. Indian Ave., Kokomo, Ind.

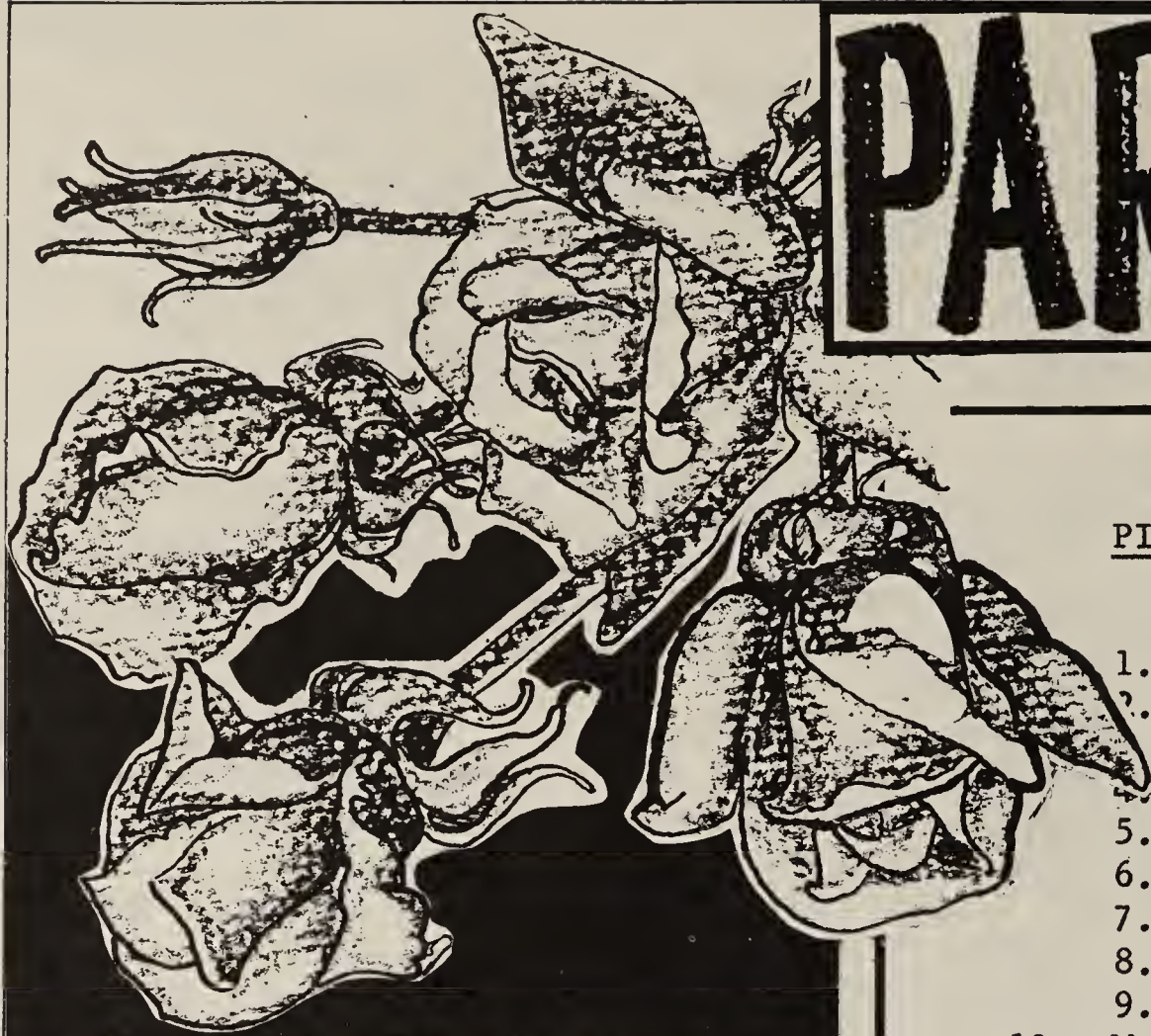
JOHN B. SMELSER b. 1855 Bedford Co., Pa.; d. 9-29-1919 of heart trouble and is at Earlham Cemetery with wife ANNIS HOLCOMB b. 1864; d. 8-12-1948. Issue:

- I. CLAUDE H. SMELSER b. 4-25-1887 Nebr.; m. (1) 1911 at Richmond RUTH G. REED d. age ca 65 and (2) 3-15-1919 REEDA REDENBAUGH. 38 N. 11th, Richmond.
 - A. BURTON ELMER SMELSER b. 12-3-1911 Richmond; m. 9-2-1938 Crystal Lake, Ill. WANDA ANN NIEMAC. Issue:
 1. JOHN BURTON SMELSER b. 7-5-1940 Elgin, Ill. In U.S.N.
 2. DAVID MICHAEL SMELSER b. 7-1-1942 Los Angeles.
 3. STEVEN MARK SMELSER b. 9-23-1950 Long Beach, Calif.
 4. JANE RUTH SMELSER b. 3-27-1953 Long Beach.
 - B. HELEN LUCILLE SMELSER b. 10-31-1914 Ind.; m. LE CUYER. Address: 645 W. Hazelwood, Phoenix, Ariz.
- CLAUDE H. and REEDA SMELSER had issue:
 - C. CHARLES HALCOMBE SMELSER b. 2-9-1928 Asheville, N.C.; m. 1-22-1950 at Richmond JEANNINE KEAL. Address: 144 S.W. 14th St., Richmond, Ind.
 1. SIRI ANN SMELSER b. 7-5-1957.
 - D. RITA SMELSER m. ROBERT BOOKER. Add.: Middleboro Pike, Richmond, Ind.
 - E. FEMALE m. RUSSELL CLARK. Add.: 1009 E. 10th St., Anderson, Ind.
 - F. LLOYD WILLIAM SMELSER b. 12-5-1919. R.R. 1, Lynchburg, Ohio.
- II. LAURENCE B. SMELSER b. 12-3-1884 Shadron, Nebr.; d. 8-22-1942 Knoxville and buried at Gallatin, Tenn. He m. 8-29-1911 Wayne Co., Ind. MYRTLE PURDY b. 10-3-1887 Gallatin; educated Howard Female College and Earlham College 1905 to 1907. Attendance Supr. Ward Belmont College 1946-51. Laurence Burdelle rec'd. A.B. 1907 from Earlham College, LL.B. 1921 Vanderbilt U. Adjutant to S.A.T.C. Unit, 2nd Lt., W.W.I. Taught Spanish Vanderbilt U. and on staff at Watkins Inst. Supr. of schools at Phillippine Islands. Staff The Nashville Tennessean. U.S. Veterans Employment Service representative at time of death. Add.: 2007 Blakemore, Nashville, Tenn. Issue:
 - A. HAROLD C. SMELSER b. 5-14-1912 Rushville, Ind.; d. 11-23-1942, missing in battle. He was a Major and won distinction in the Battle of Java as pilot of a flying fortress. He m. MARY EMILY LARAWAY at Spokane, Wash.
 - B. MARGARET CLAUDINE SMELSER b. 1-29-1915 Boone Co., Ind.; m. COL. GILES L. EVANS, JR. who has B.S. and M.A. from Vanderbilt U. and M.S. from M.I.T. He was with U.S. Army Engineering Corps with A.E.F. in England. Margaret attended Ward Belmont College and Vanderbilt U. Address: 903 Enderby Dr., Alexandria, Va. Issue: 23-1942.
 1. MARJORIE FLEECE EVANS b. 2-21-1941 and 2. CAROL ELIZABETH b. 12-

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PART SIX



FAMILY ALBUM

To the many others
who contributed pictures
for consideration, I wish
to express genuine regret
that all photos could not
be used.

NOTE: Numbers in parentheses
(accompanying each picture)
refer to chapters.

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1. Mark Pollock
2. Mrs. Chase D. Smelser
3. Polly Pollock
4. Mrs. Chase D. Smelser
5. Polly Pollock
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7. Dr. David P. Smelser
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14. Mrs. Earl D. Richards
15. Mrs. John W. Whiteneck
16. Mrs. Chase D. Smelser
17. Chase Dillon Smelser
18. Mrs. Chase D. Smelser
19. Luther M. Feegur
20. Chelsea A. Pollock
21. Mrs. R. H. Wickemeyer
22. Mark Pollock
23. Chelsea A. Pollock
24. Mark Pollock
25. Chelsea A. Pollock
26. Mrs. Stanley Collins
27. Mrs. Robert Krathwohl
28. Earl David Smelser
29. Earl David Smelser
30. Mrs. John T. Sullivan
31. Mrs. Russell Duke
32. Mrs. M. Gordon Willett
33. Mrs. M. Gordon Willett



2. John Smelser Mill, Rush Co., Ind. Original Built 1822/23.(5)



3. Smith-Esteb County Home (Formerly TB Hospital), Wayne Co., Ind., U.S. Route 27, South of Richmond. (6, 7)

5. "Shady Hill", Elizabeth Smelser Home, Off U.S. 27, Wayne Co. (7)



4. William Harve Smelser Home in Rush Co., Ind. (North of Rushville) (2 & 5)

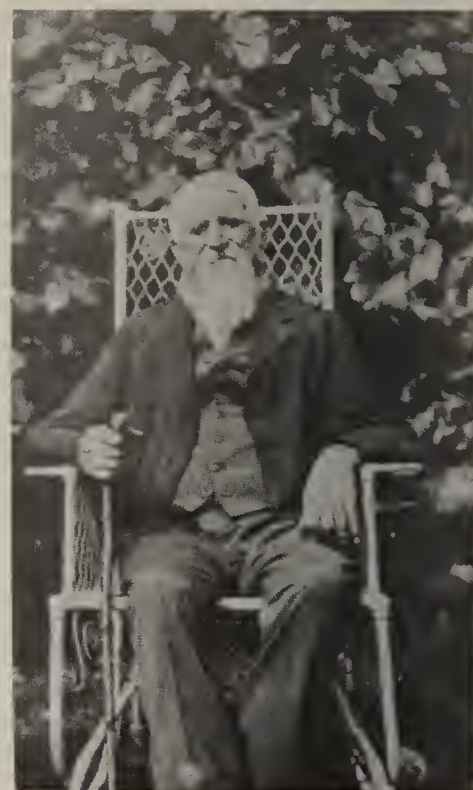


6. Aerial View of Jacob Smelser Home Owned Now by Walter J. Lafuse. On the Left is Home of Eugene C. Lafuse. Taken 1951. (7)





Left:
7. New Windsor (Md.) Presbyterian Church. (1)



8. John Sedgwick, Husband of Margaret Smelser (7)



Left:
9. The Citizen's Commercial Bank of Fallbrook, Calif. First Board of Directors. Taken 5-2-1911. L. to R.:

11. (Below) Marshall Taylor Smelser II (5)

William Smelser, Horatio Smelser Mr. Shipley Mr. Gird, Mr. Murr & Mr. Mack. (2)



1952

RE-ELECT
STATE
REPRESENTATIVE
ANNA P.
SMELSER
DEMOCRAT

this election, 1954.

Left:
10. Anna May (Padberg) Smelser





12. L. to R.: Harriet Isabelle Marshall, Jessie Ora Kee, Joe Lewis Cole, Lois Alta Jones, Myrtle Alberta Darnell, Jennie Leota Richards, Allen Payne Cole, Mattie Kathaleen Collins, Calla May Petersen. Taken 10-13-1941. (2)



13. L. to R.: (top row) Horatio Smelser, William Smelser, Fritz McKee. (2nd row) Emelia Smelser, Eliza Smelser, Alpha Smelser, Susan Miller, Nancy McKee. (front row) Obed E. Smelser, Emma Sullivan, Clifford Smelser, Rea Smelser. Taken 1910, Home of Wm. Smelser (2)



14. Jonas Markey Smelser. Painting from Photograph. (2)



15. L. to R.: ___ Hettinger, Cora ___. Seated: Josephine (Smelser) Pownall and ___. (5)



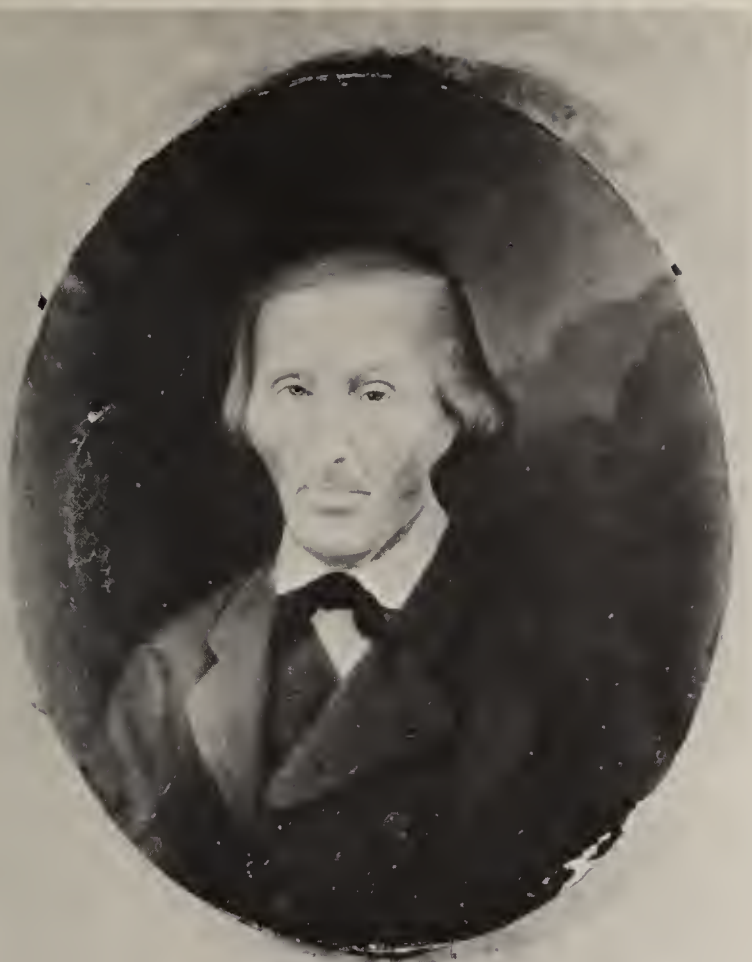
16. Dolly (Dooley) Smelser (2, 5)



17. Chase Dillon Smelser (2, 5)



18. Boone De Haven and Melissa (Morris) Smelser (2)



19. Jacob Smelser, Sr. (1784-1875). (7)



20. James Smelser (1822-1893). (7)

21. (Below): Four Generations (7)



L. to R.: Margaret Ann Howes, Harriett Byars, Florence Wickemeyer and Mary E. A. Spalding. Photo on wall of James Byars. Taken ca 1900, Byars' home.

ASTERS AT DUSK

22. L. to R.:
Sirilla Alcestus
(Brown) Smelser,
Frank Smelser,
Anna May (Smelser)
Sanborn,
Charles Hamilton
Smelser, Sara
Lizzie (Smelser)
Stoner, James A.
Stoner and Eliza
Kate Smelser.
Seated: Mary
Frances (Hamilton)
Smelser. (7)



23.
Marion
(Mark)
Smelser
Pollock.
(7)



24.
David
Mark
Pollock,
1957.
(7)



25. L. to R.: Chelsea Alfred Pollock, Marion
Smelser Pollock and Marie (Smelser) Pollock.
Ca 1921. (7)



26. Group Identified by Mrs. Ed. Koschkee. See page 251. (2)



the winner of the college medal in the Cincinnati College of Pharmacy and the title of Bachelor of Pharmacy. She is now entering as a second-year student in chemistry to qualify herself as a pharmaceutical chemist.

Miss Stoner is quite a botanist and lived a life of strict seclusion before entering Milford High School and in communion with nature.

27. Norma LeClerc (Stoner) Bridgeford (7)



28. Rachel (Hammond) Smelser (7)



29. Jacob Smelser, Jr. (1827-1921) (7)



30. L. to R.: (standing) Jay Cole, Mrs. Nancy Hyde, Lew Williams, Jr., Harry Smelser, Edna Williams, Sophie Houck, Nina Williams, Nellie Navitzki (seated) Mrs. Myrtle Cole holding Hattie, Horatio Smelser, Obed Smelser Lew Williams, Sr. holding Allan Cole, Mrs. Emma Smelser, Calla Cole in little chair. Jennie Cole standing in front. Taken on Thanksgiving Day 1902. Home of Horatio Smelser in Ashton, Nebraska. (2)



31. Early Japanese Mission of Fred and Mary Smelser in Yokohama, Japan. Taken ca 1915. (10)



32. Children of Pleasant and Sarah Smelser: John, Joseph, Florence, Edward, George, Jess. (9)



33. Pleasant and Sarah Smelser on 50th Wedding Anniversary. (9)

Identification of photograph number 29 appearing on page 249:

L. to R. (first row): Elizabeth Cooley Bennett and son Gloy, Arch Connell, Ida Cooley Connell, Reuben Cooley, Elizabeth Smelser Cooley, Susan Smelser Miller, Eliza Smelser, S. L. Borah, Mrs. Borah (in-laws of Cornelia Cooley Borah). (second row): Morits Mortenson, Mary Cooley Mortenson, Jonas Markey Cooley, Emma Morse Cooley and child Hilda, William R. Cooley, Beulah Cooley, Arasmus E. Cooley, Cora Lee Kingsley, S. E. Borah and Cornelia Cooley Borah. (third row): Huber Cooley (son of A. E. and Cora), Winnie Brandt (granddaughter of S. L. Borah), Zamie Connell Proctor, Effie Connell Cairns, Bertha Cooley Koschkee, Elsie Connell Abraham. (sitting on grass): Byral Bennett, Ruby Bennett Lansing, Jennie Connell and Linna Cooley, Rex Cooley, Ilva Barndt (granddaughter of S. L. Borah), L. G. & Virgil Borah (sons of S. E. and Cornelia Borah).

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